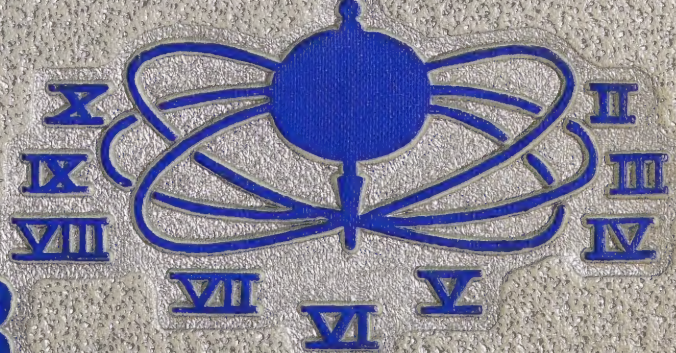


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(ED SMIERCIAK'S BOOK)

Keep your pants on, Ad  
(alias Ellis). Be good  
and stay out of  
trouble.  
Dad  
(alias R)

"May there always  
be a Poland; if not,  
Polish fathers. It's  
been great. Good Luck."  
Bob Mines

Wm (Bob) Please forget I invited  
you to your first St.  
Francis picnic. Be  
good to your kids. Don't  
hate me.  
Nellbert!

To our big Polish baby  
 The Best of luck!  
 Mom Pender

Be good I mean  
May you have twenty  
little "holes"  
Willie Millon

Hey, Patrick Hero...  
lots of luck to you and  
I must say that I'm sure  
glad to see you with a girl...  
a St. Francis one at that. They're  
great stuff - you guys would  
never believe me, would you?  
M. L. M.

Best of Luck  
William T. Joy

"I have been thinking of you very much lately."





To the best Irish Pole  
I know  
Best of Luck always  
"Shammas"  
Jim Kelly

May all your troubles  
be "little ones."  
Alan Nelson

"Arise, throw off your  
shackles" fellow  
sackrat and have the  
best of luck, even if  
you stay out in the  
sticks.  
Tony Hartman

Frank Mitchell  
(Rank)

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Take it easy Ed  
Mr Pollocks have to stick  
together. I guess I was only  
half as good as you. (Was only  
once a Cardinal  
always a Cardinal (fan)  
Ed

Nick Kahn

Keep up the good work  
Ed. I know it will be a  
tough job. Stay away from  
all that D. Fing & bridge.  
B.D. (Dick Lenert)

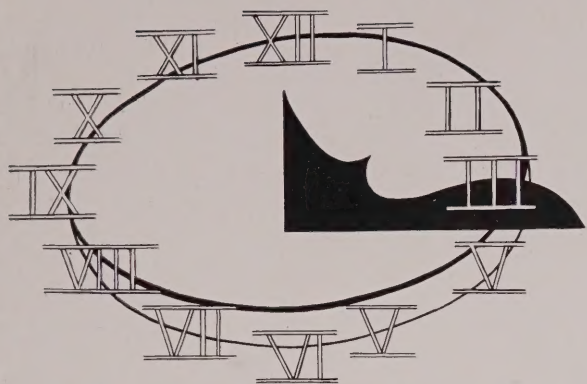
Keep Hegewisch  
on the map.  
Ken Martin  
"George Burdette"  
"Edmund Burdette"

the good lord  
May "you" little  
"mountain" joined me  
then you "mountain" joined me  
Elmer

Lots of good ol purple.  
passion (with raviolis  
& pizza)  
Dick Topper the Wop  
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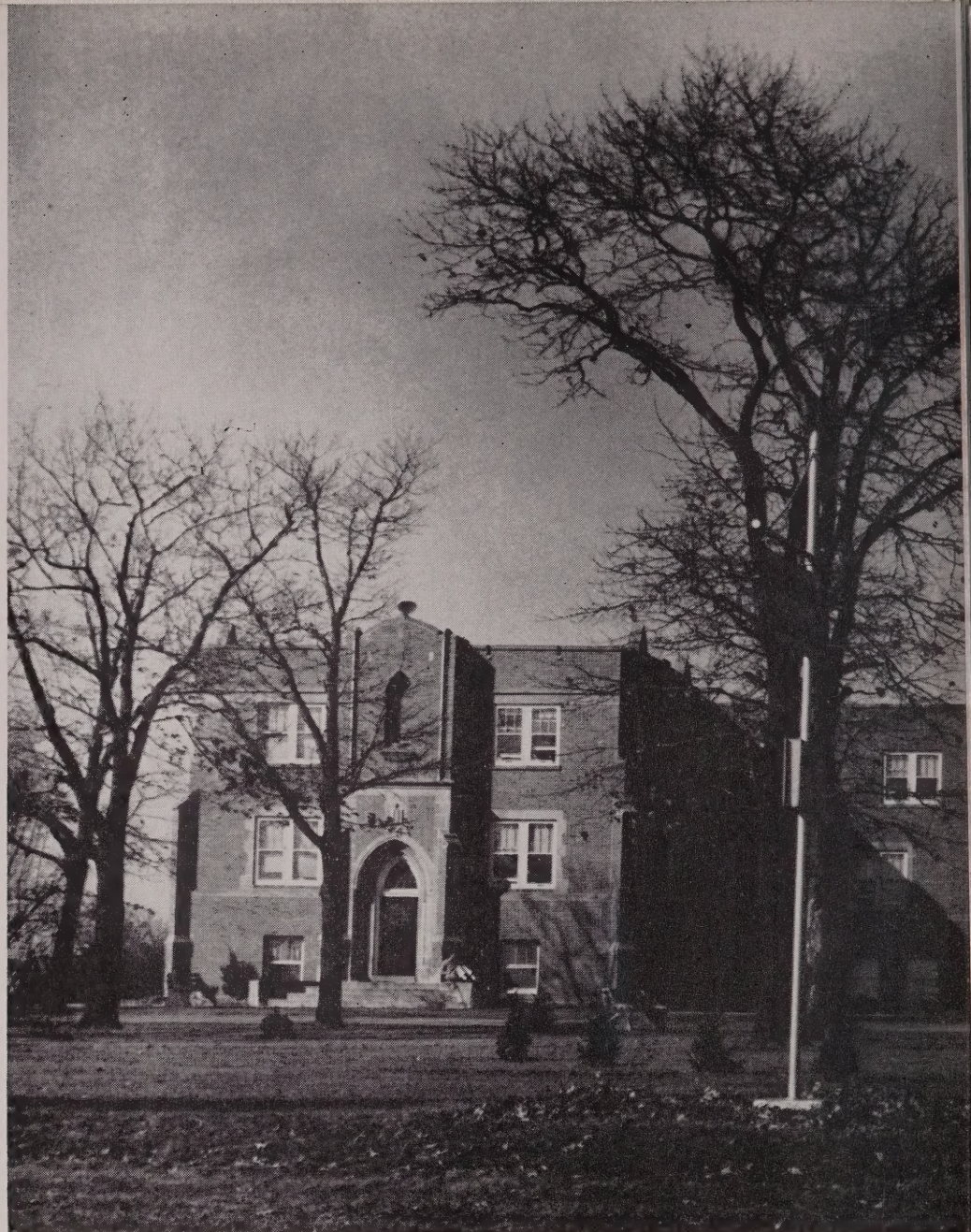
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The memories of the Student Body of Fournier Institute of





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## Dedication

Every educational institution is made up of various necessary components; students, buildings, equipment, books, and financial assistance; but the very framework upon which a school rests, is its faculty and administration. For this reason, the VECTOR of 1955 is dedicated with deep respect to the Faculty and Administration of Fournier Institute of Technology.

At most institutions of higher learning, the teacher-student relationships are, for the most part, impersonal. Such was not the case at Fournier. Here each teacher knew each student, not just as a face in class, but as a person, someone who had definite problems, problems which could be solved by cooperation. This cooperation between student and teacher was part of what made Fournier different, a new idea in education.

Now that Fournier is ceasing operations as an undergraduate school, most of the members of the Faculty, Administration and Student Body will be spread with the four winds. It is the sincere prayer of the VECTOR Staff and the Student Body that God will bless, not only the present Faculty and Administration, but all those who helped build Fournier from a dream to a reality. It is hoped that this dedication will in some small way show the gratitude of the Student Body for a tough job well done.



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## STUDENT LIFE

*Day in and day out,*

*The clock ticks on.*

*As the student's time*

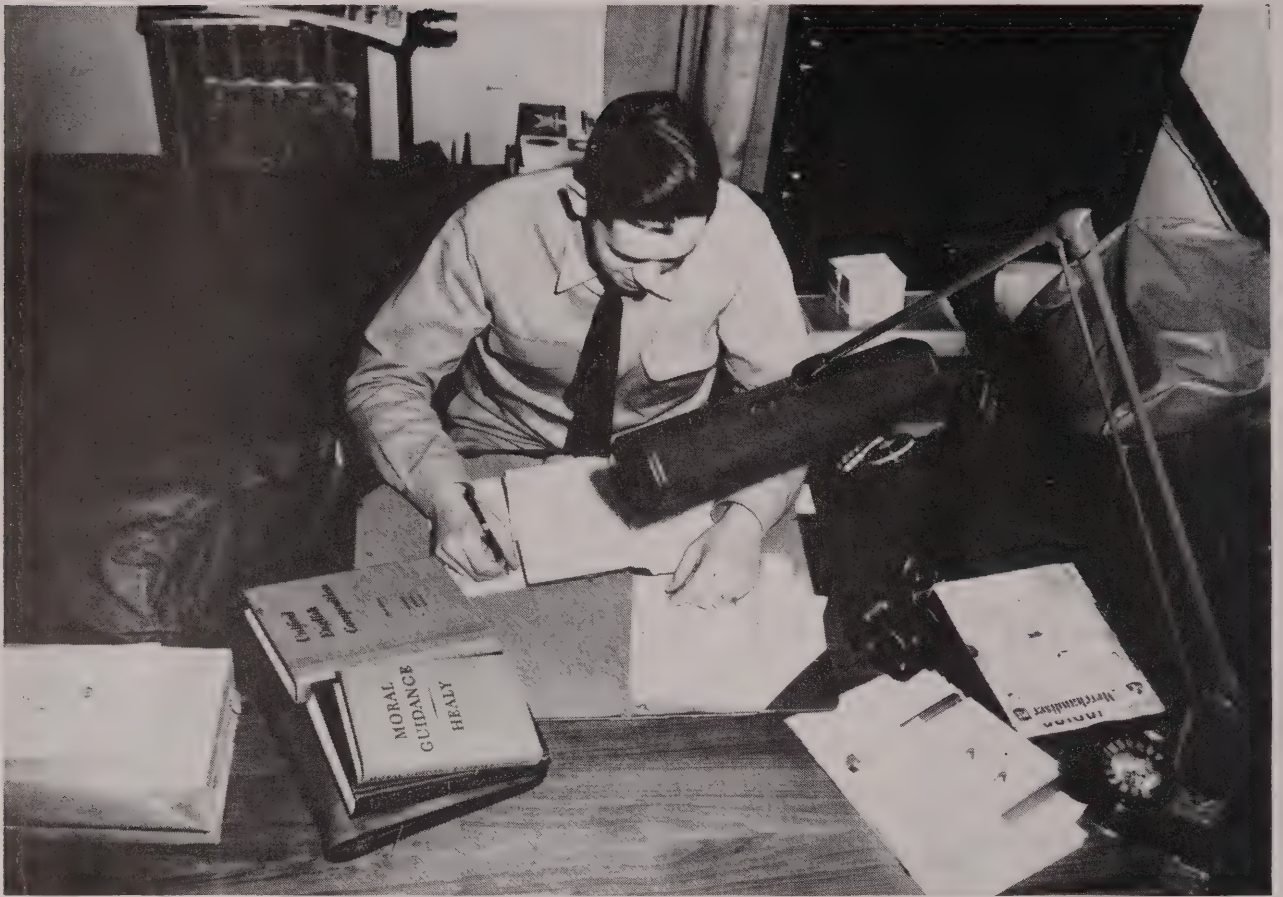
*Goes thither and yon.*





*AS TIME PASSED,*





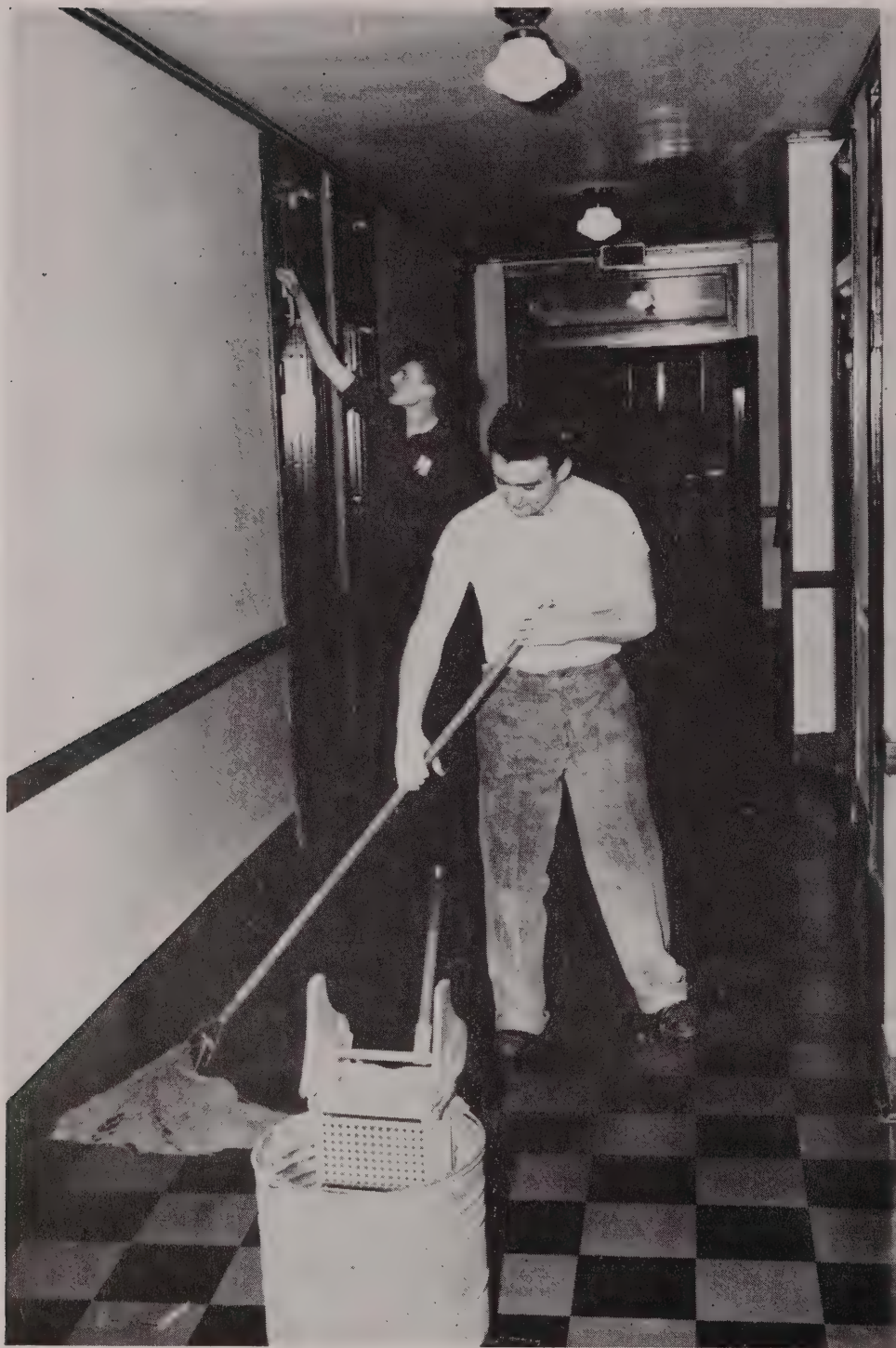
*WE WORKED,*





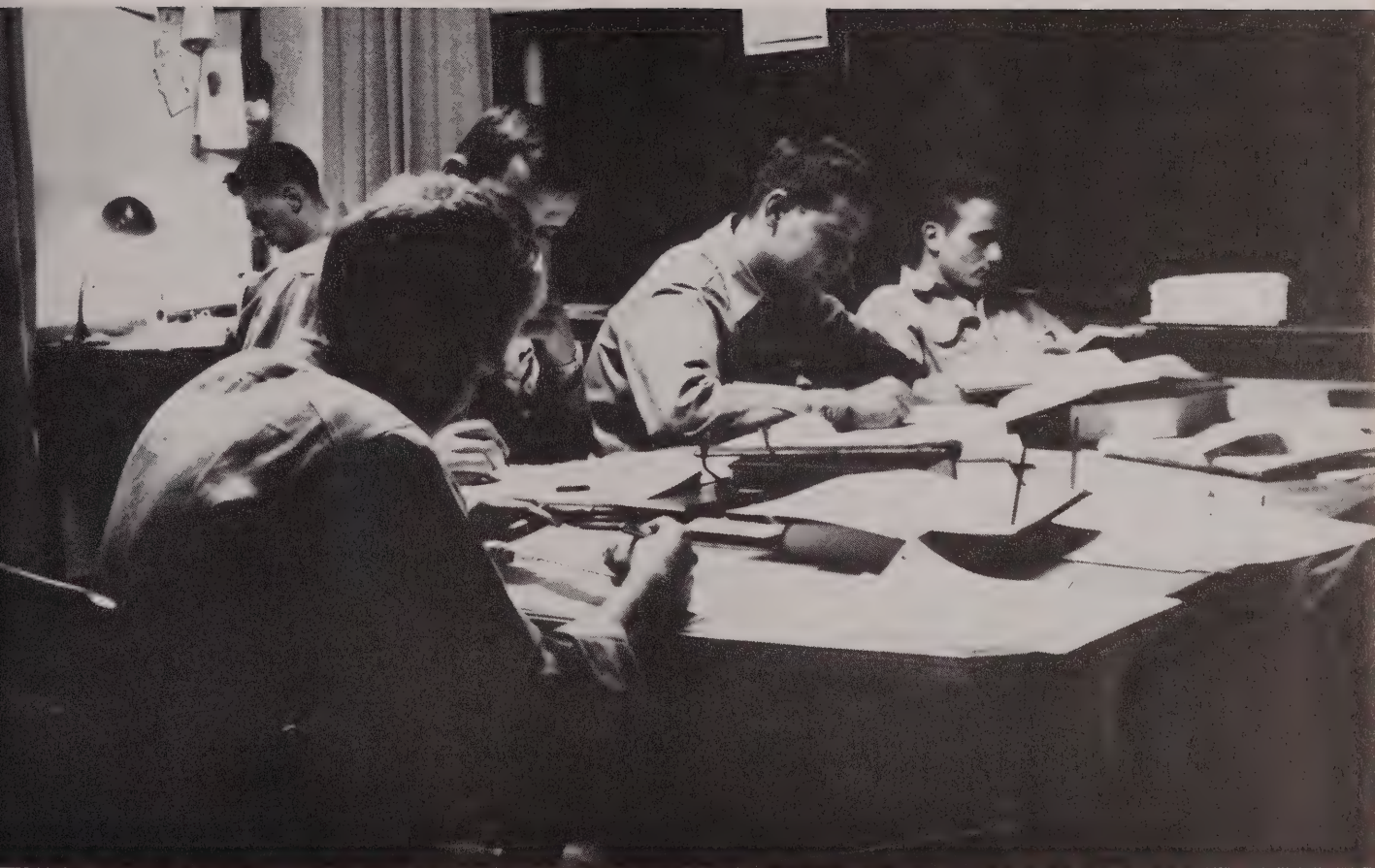
*TOOK BREAKS,*





*AND SCRUBBED FLOORS.*





*SOME STUDIED,*





*SOME DIDN'T.*





*WE HAD OUR DAYS,*



*AND THE FACULTY  
HAD THEIRS.*



*YOUNG LADIES TOO,*







*GOT A BREAK,*

*IN KNOWING US.*







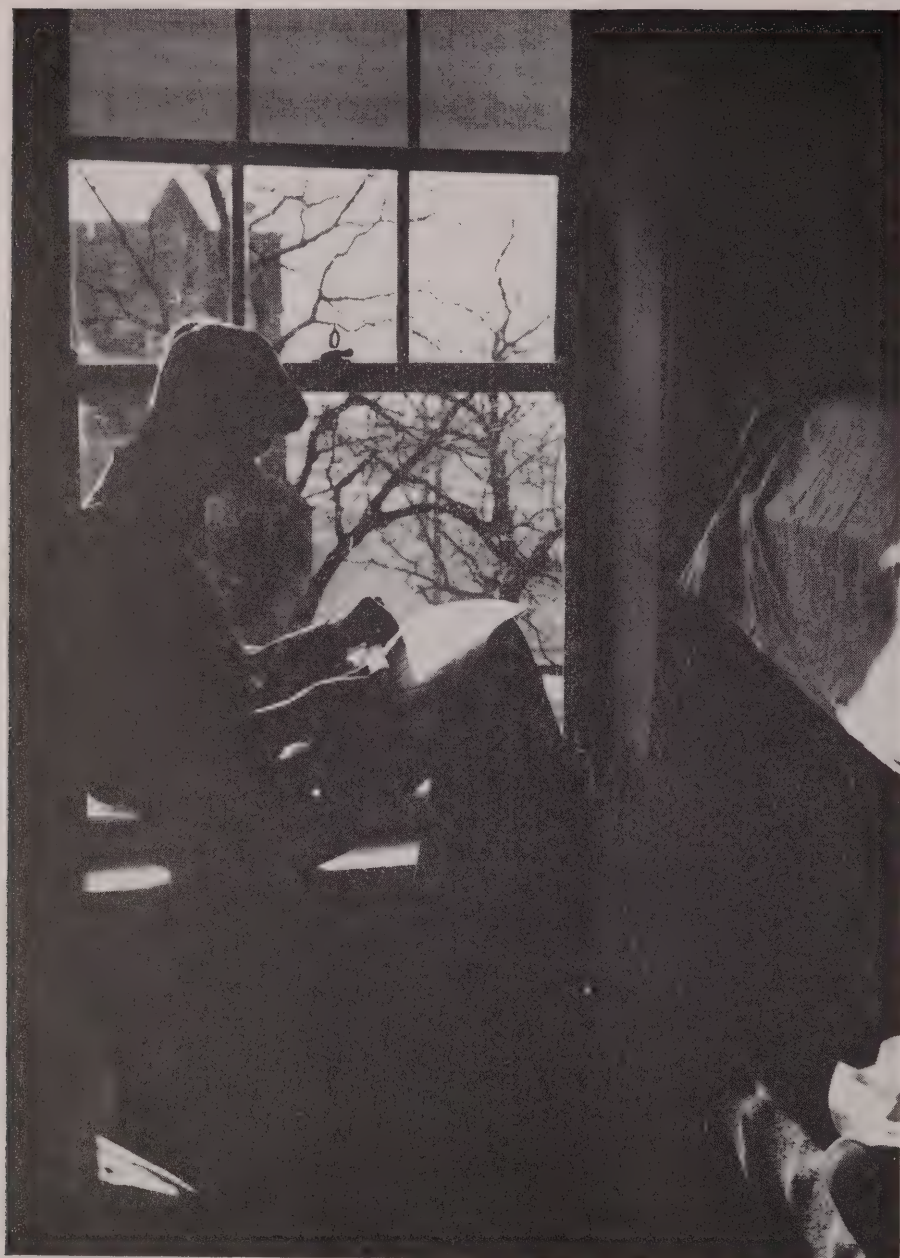
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*OUR FAITH GREW STRONG.*







*WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER,*



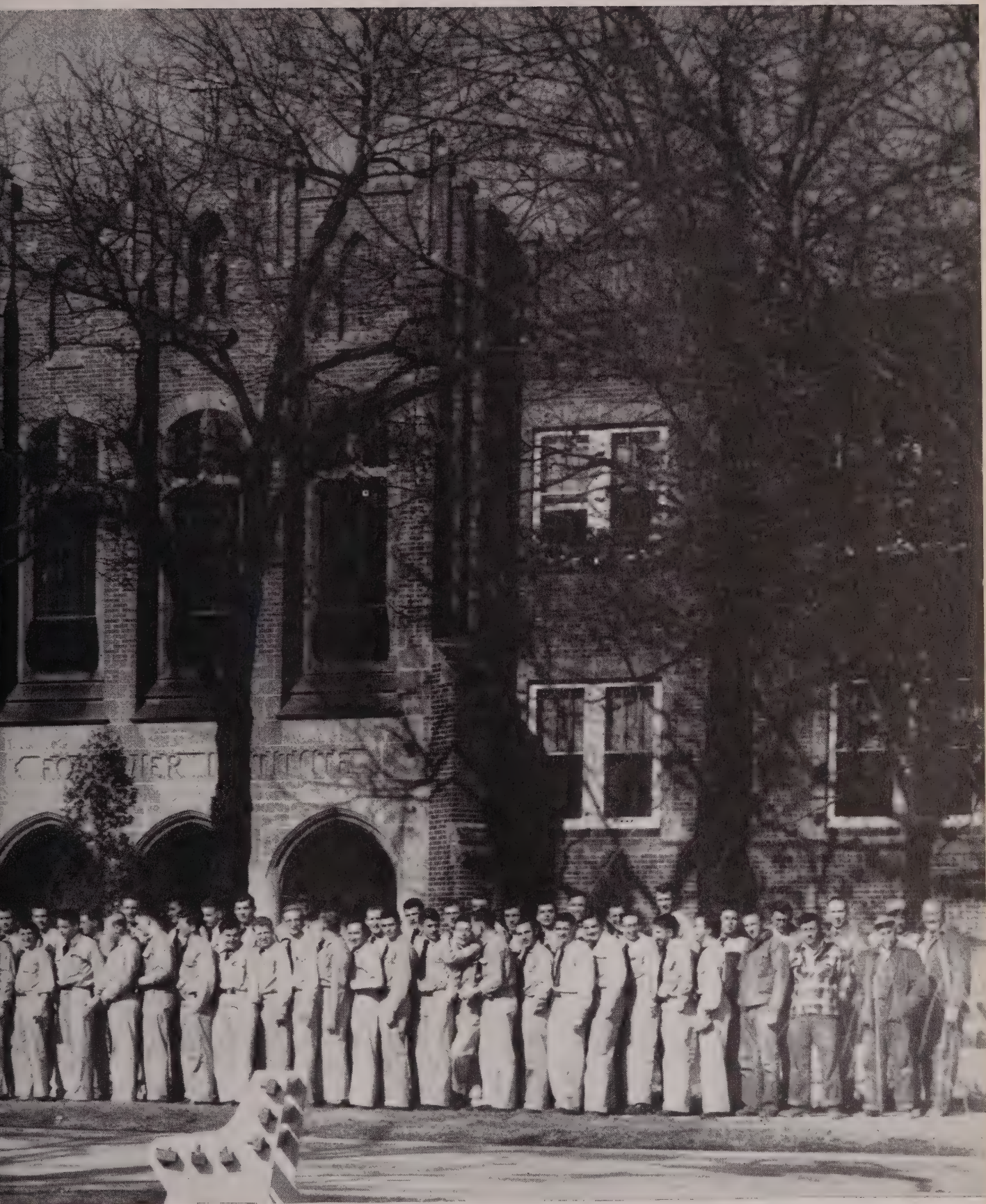


*AS WE GO,*









*ALL OF FOURNIER.*



## OUR MEMORY . . . .

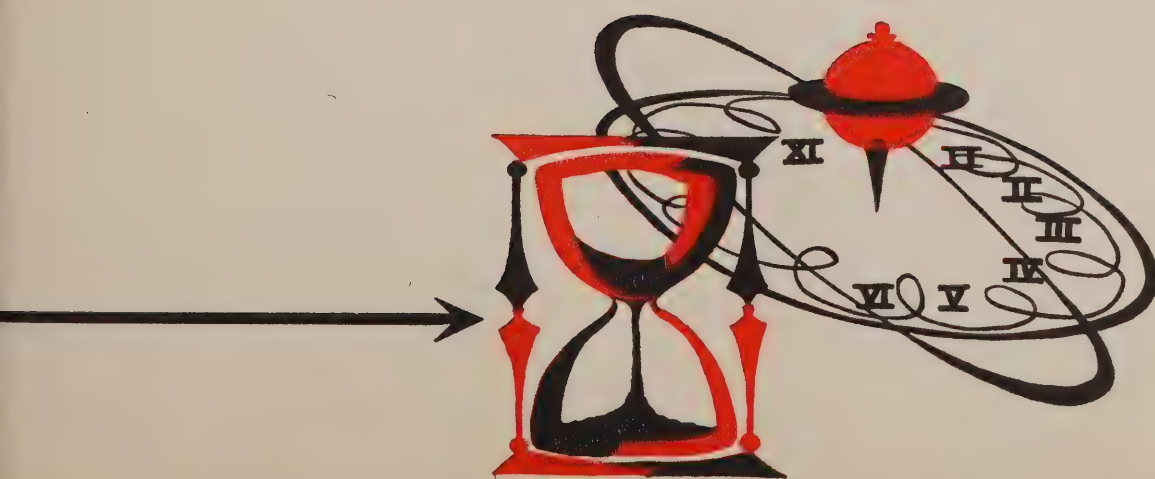
*Students come and go*

*As years go by*

*Guided by those on*

*Whom we rely.*









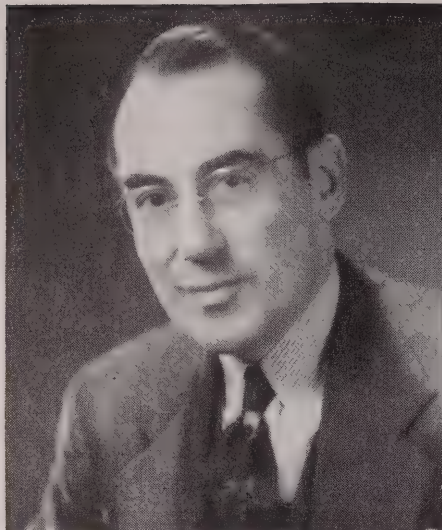




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As a result of several years of planning, Arthur J. Schmitt, a Chicago industrialist, established an educational program. The objective was to educate leaders for industry in the field of electrical engineering and for research and development work to the benefit of government and industry. The Foundation was formed to carry out this basic objective with an electrical engineering college as its nucleus.

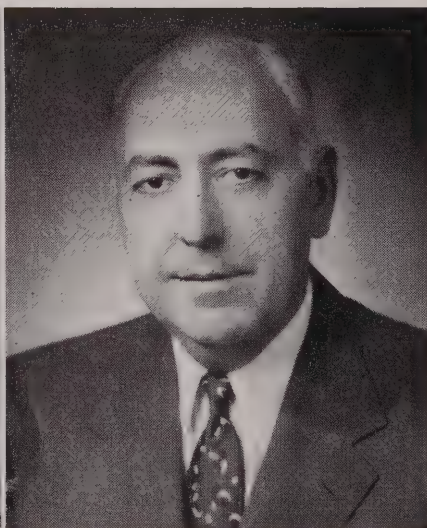
Since the time of its establishment, the men who have passed through the portals of Fournier received one of the best educations obtainable, building both technical ability and personality. Every one who has tasted of this education owes an unpayable debt of gratitude to this rare individual, the Founder, Mr. Schmitt. It is up to these fortunate men to prove that the confidence placed in them will be fulfilled.



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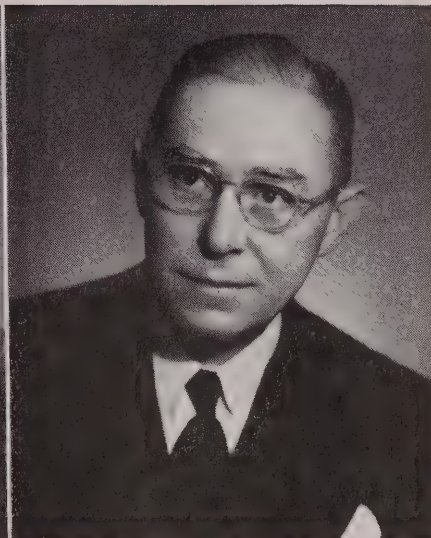
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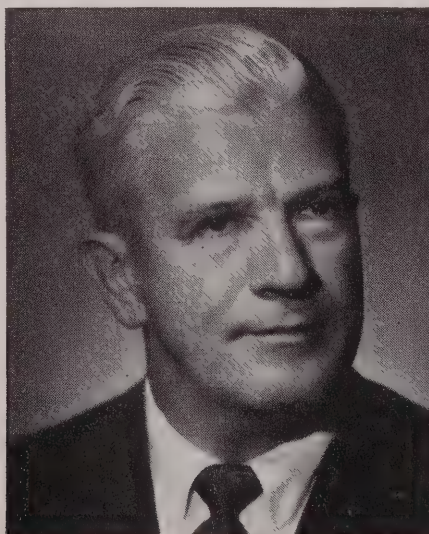
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The opening of the 1954-1955 school year saw many alterations at Fournier. One of the most important was the change of faces behind the president's desk. Dr. W. Charles Redman took the reins in hand and immediately began to guide Fournier to new and greater heights. His first endeavors included assistance in the creation of a Student Welfare Committee, a revision in the curriculum and the improvement of study conditions.

Dr. Redman's office was open to all. It was the place to take any problem, be it ever so small. He would always listen and, whenever possible, would attempt to solve it.

Directing a college was a new undertaking for Dr. Redman. He did an admirable job of filling a big pair of shoes and the hearts of the Student Body.







*Most of the long hours  
Which each day features  
Are spent with a group  
Known as "Our Teachers."*

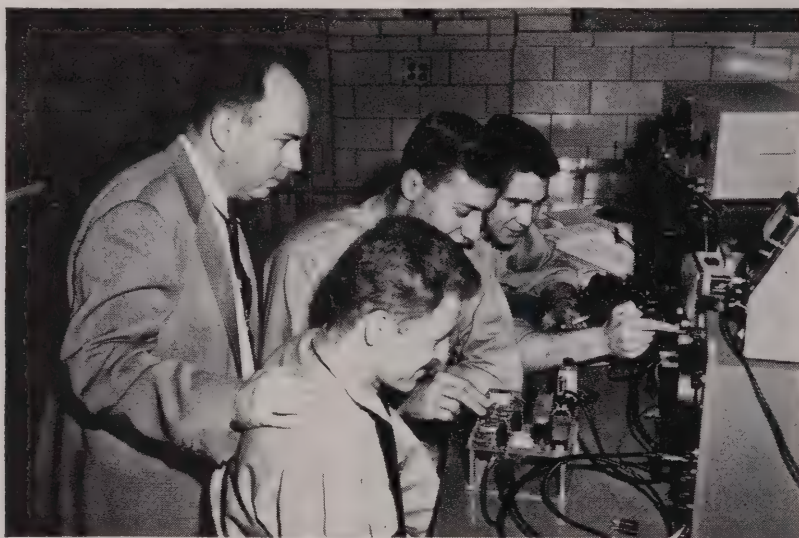
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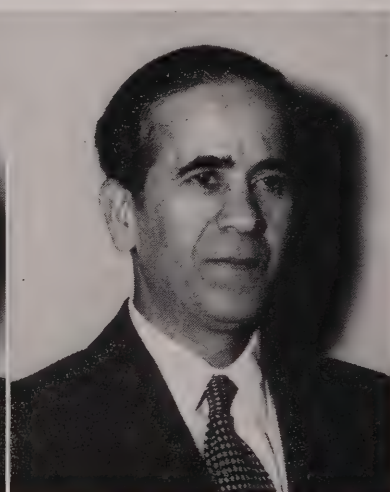
The department that played the most important role in the preparation of Fournier men for their position in society was the Engineering Department. Under the guidance of Mr. A. C. Todd many accomplishments were realized and innovations introduced that helped put this department on an equal par with most other engineering departments throughout the nation. This could not have been accomplished without the ardent interest of such individuals as Mr. Whalen, instructor in electronics and elementary physics; Mr. McKanna, Shop and Mechanical Drafting



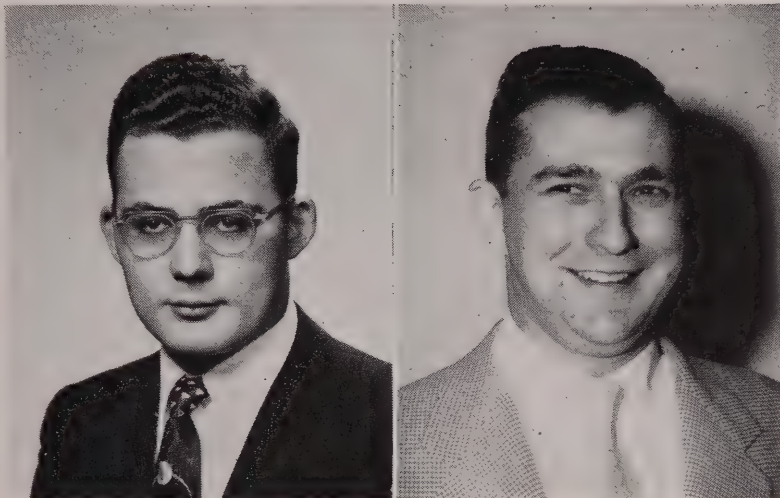
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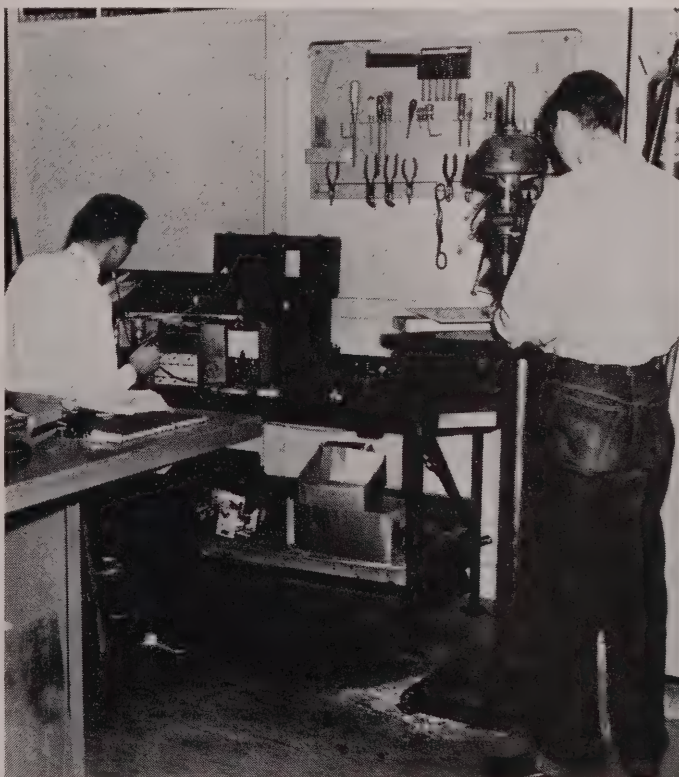
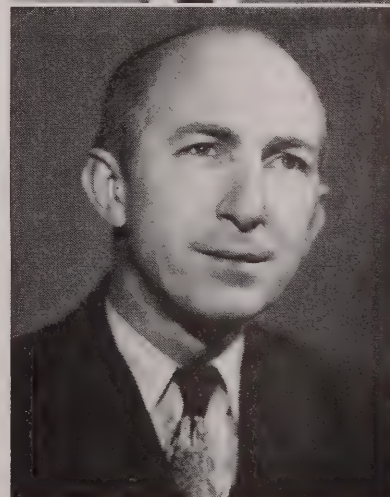
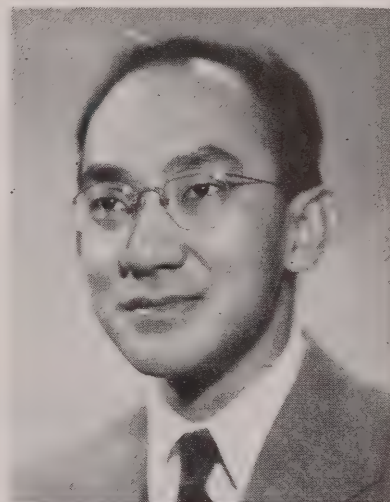
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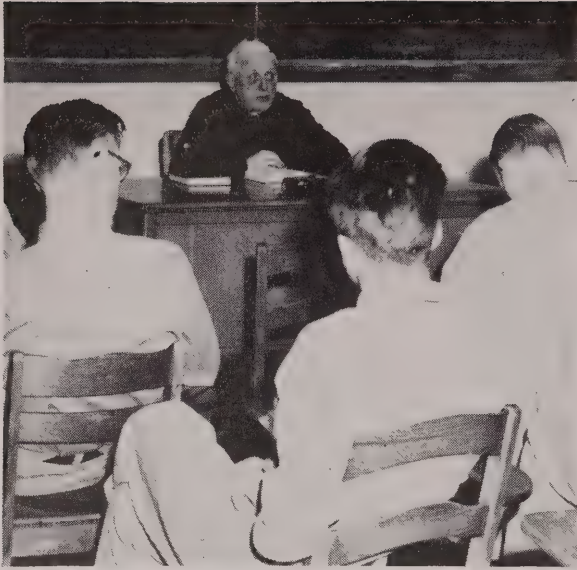
JOSEPH J. HARTL  
Technical Assistant

instructor; Dr. Iskenderian, the AC and DC Machinery instructor and Mr. Stuchly, who taught elementary AC and DC theory. Mr. Todd carried a full teaching program in Radio Theory, Antennas, and Communication Circuits, along with his supervision of the construction of experimental equipment for the labs. This construction was performed in an efficient manner by Mr. J. Hartl and Mr. S. J. Rubis.

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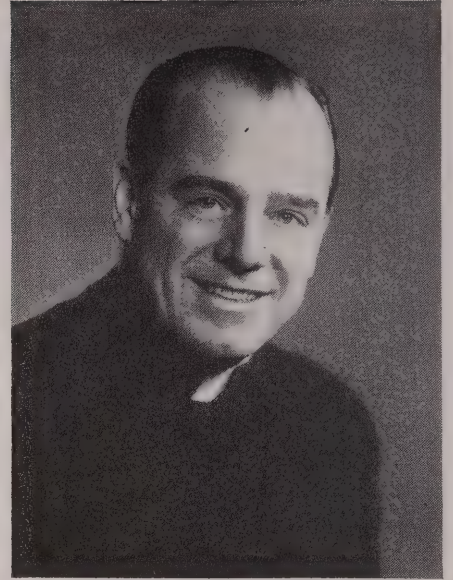
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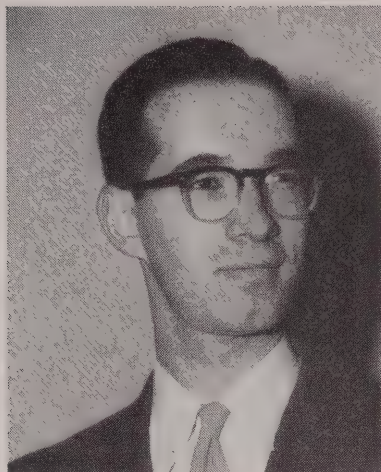
## GENERAL EDUCATION

Fournier was indeed a unique school. Although it was dedicated to higher education in electrical engineering it never lost sight of the value of general education. It was the goal of the Administration and Faculty to build every Fournier graduate into a whole man, one with an open mind and an appreciation for the problems of the world.

Due to this fact, the General Education Department of Fournier was quite extensive. While acting as Director of the General Education Department, Fr. Williams also served as instructor for the English Composition and Rhetoric Course and the Public Speaking courses. Fr. Lynch taught Philosophy, Ethics, Logic and History in a manner that enabled every student to carry away the tools for a better







STANLEY H. COHN, M.A.



WILLIAM P. MCKANNA, M.S.

understanding of the problems which every day confronts him. Fr. McCleary gave the prospective engineer the Catholic view on modern morals and his duty as a Christian.

In a more material plane, Bro. LaMarre taught the fundamentals of Chemistry while Dr. Redman, Dr. Kato, Dr. Fricke and Mr. Whalen drew the picture of the physical world for the student. They covered such topics as fundamental laws of physics; advanced mechanics, heat, light, and sound, nuclear physics, electromagnetic and ultra-high frequency theories. The mathematical foundation and background of Fournier men was ably provided by Mr. Cohn.

The great store house of knowledge and information, Fournier's library, was operated under the guiding hand of Miss Patricia Sughroe.

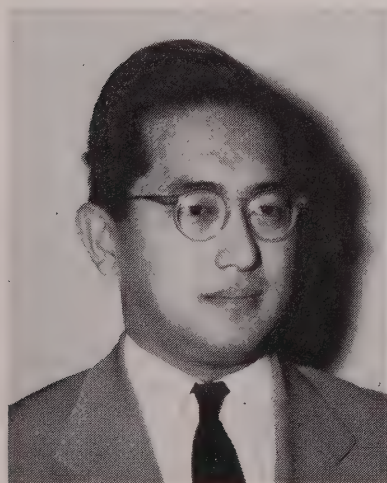
Mr. Gene Sullivan acted in the capacity of athletic director and his work encompassed a great deal of responsibility. He conducted physical training and hygiene classes as well as coaching the Varsity basketball squad and maintaining a complete intramural program.

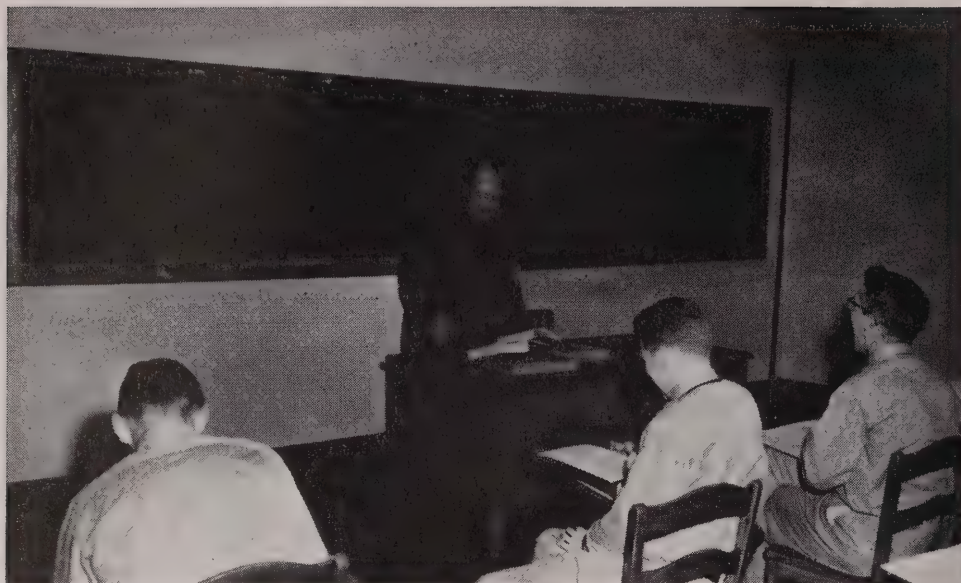
The combined efforts of these instructors, teamed with those of the Engineering and Business Departments, provided the Fournier student with a well-rounded education, one which should enable him to lead a cultured and happy life as well as contributing his share to maintain and further society.

WALTER Y. KATO, PH. D

EUGENE SULLIVAN, B.S.

PATRICIA SUGHROE, A.B.





## BUSINESS EDUCATION

Fournier was equipped with a Business department that an engineering school could look to with pride. This was made possible through the steady effort and thorough knowledge of its director, Fr. McCleary. He fostered such a deep love for the mastery of this supplementary education that many students became desirous of continuing their education along these lines. The curriculum consisted of the following: Business Organization, Business Law, Economics and Accounting.

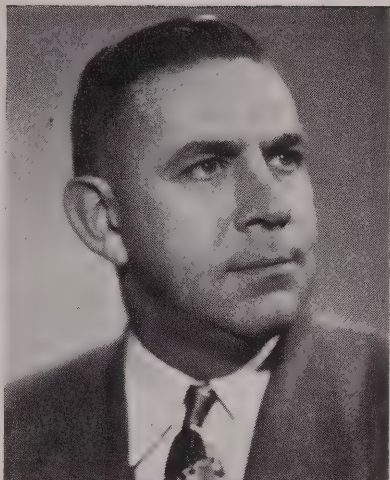
Business played an integral part in preparing the student for his future life and the industrial world. The attitude of a practicing Catholic business man was the keynote to the program. This department supplied important training, where a general picture of the business structure of the nation was presented in a realistic as well as idealistic fashion.



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## ADMINISTRATION

Without the competent work of the administrative staff, Fournier would have been unable to function properly. It was through their offices that the financial and clerical assistance was maintained and disbursed to the proper channels.

Heading this important department was Mr. C. M. Nash, controller. His ability and foresight kept Fournier functioning efficiently. Mr. Gordon Pershell, office manager, was his able assistant and friend of the Student Body despite his devotion to rules and regulations.

Secretarial duties were taken care of by Mrs. Dorothy Charles, Mrs. Marge Affrunti and Miss Dee Tarsharsky.

MRS. DOROTHY CHARLES, Secretary

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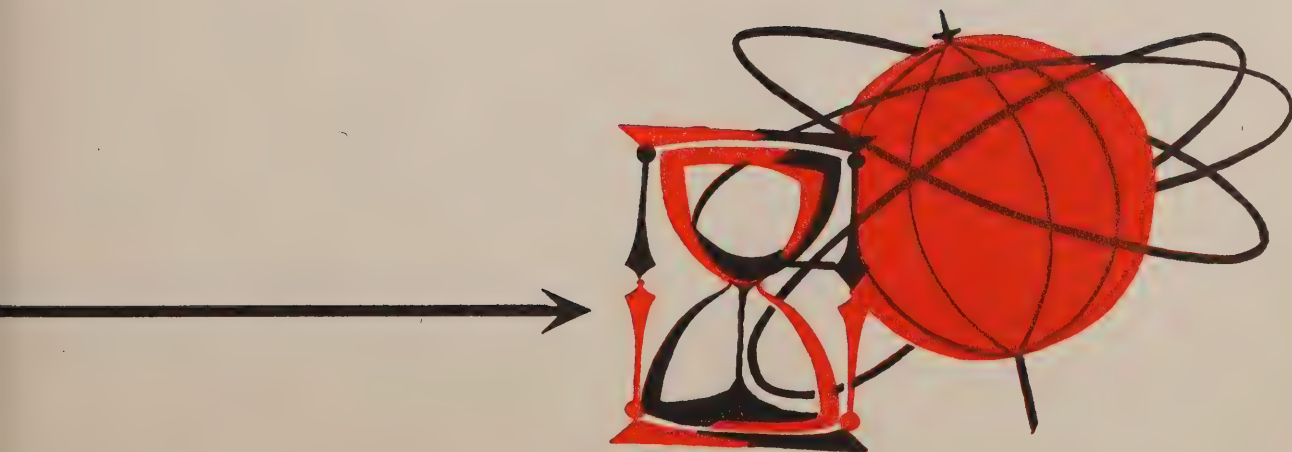
*What of the year*

*Nineteen fifty five?*

*'Twas full of events*

*We'll try to revive.*











*The hour glass of life  
Flows so steady  
But Fournier men for  
Life are ready.*

STUDENT BODY





*Seated:* R. O'Neill—'54 Vice President, F. Arndt—'54 President.  
*Standing:* R. Woelfle—'54, '55 Secretary, R. Aschenbrenner—'55 Vice President,  
 T. Leen—'55 President.

## SENIORS

In the year 1951, an established group of Fournier Freshmen college students scrutinized ten strange newcomers to their ranks. The onlookers were the last class to be graduated from the high school department of Fournier Institute. These graduates were already well entrenched in the customs and traditions of Fournier. The freshly arrived, together with this group of fourteen, formed the Class of '56.

As freshmen, they acted as freshmen but soon certain signs began to appear which foreshadowed the unique destiny of this select group as the years that followed were to prove. Most surely foremost among the memories of this time is the snow-ball fight in the recreation room and its aftermath of Kitchen Patrol presided over by the "Boss."

The "Tyranny" and the "Runt" were oft spoken words in the somewhat difficult adjustment of certain newcomers to the fold. The "Rube mattress" campaigns, insidiously planned by Ken, were in full swing. The custom of a mattress on the scaffolding or in the faculty washrooms was long to endure. The Class reputation soared to new heights after each intramural victory; then fell prey to the offerings of "Pluto" once a week. Brother's French class taught "A bon chat, bon rot" while "Boss" provided a preview for the indispensable Tool, Integral Calculus. It was during that fateful year that forces were joined to rid the Class of Magoon's pipe smoking by mixing a blend of sweeping compound and bits of some gracious contributor's blonde hair in his tobacco. The spirits of Roger and Stan must forever haunt the four walls of the rec room following their imprisonment there in Freshman year.

During Sophomore year, the realization struck all, that the Class was a "Prototype," a new being of something yet to come. Upon the success or failure of this new type of living thing, the Class of '56, the Prototype, depended the curriculum of future students. The progress of this Prototype would be carefully watched.

Change upon change in the five year curriculum staggered and befuddled the Prototype of a Sophomore Class. He was becoming leaner and considerably more serious than the previous year because of the loss of three of its members.



As each day passed more losses were anticipated. It was during this year that he undertook to complete a schedule of technical education including three laboratory courses. The Prototype sat up nights to all hours and grew weary concocting schemes to accomplish all his study and written work. Gone were those happy Pluto nights; instead he sat morosely watching his porch collection of blinking beer signs and rotating gin ads. Thinking of days gone by, he turned back to copy the remainder of a Steen Report, the standard of all reports and originator of the cliché, "Real Steen." The morale sank so low that a class mascot was sought. The Prototype found its idol in the beautiful and charming Lois. The social life on weekends found heavy indulgence and the Sophomore porch heard many bold tales late every Sunday night, a fitting prefix for the ensuing week.

An understanding Physics instructor inspired a new type of drama for the Variety Show. As the Prototype emerged with the most humorous act of the evening, he recorded forever the memorable incidents of that period; the dam problem, the mysterious calculations and God-given formulas.

No consolation was in sight, however, for before him stood the last and meanest hurdle of them all, Quantitative Analysis. Groaning, griping, gritting his teeth, the Prototype emerged from Night Physics Ordeals by the flunking Doc, Saturday classes, merciless lab reports and "measurements with Wong."

This was not done without loss to the Prototype; he would not be allowed to once more see the light of day with additional losses. He came out of that Sophomore year quite thin. He now had seventeen members.

*First row:* R. Kenny, F. Arndt, J. McGrail, R. Woelfle, D. Otten, T. Witte.

*Second row:* C. Rubis, H. Yost, D. Steenhausen, R. Aschenbrenner, R. O'Neill.

*Third row:* T. Leen, S. Hanson, T. Paulson, J. Mikulski.



Toc came through unscathed but vowing as strongly as ever he would never use that tech tool symbol, the horrid slide rule. Serge heaved a last sigh of bewildered disbelief in the Green Lemon as Courant's Calculus clamped forever firmly shut and blessed summer vacation ended the Prototype's internment.

The Prototype came back the Junior Class, licking his wounds and preparing to "fatten up," consoling himself with the much repeated cliché, "they can't throw me out now." The trials and uncertainties went on to prove he was truly a Prototype. He threw himself into the "Great Books" and Business Organization with a grunt of approval. He lost his heart to Electronics and the man from Argonne who became a great ideal. Wiecek and Granahan could never be found but Leen and Toc took their vacancies in Chutronics class. Thermo the Prototype "just didn't know," but it became established forever in his memory along with the abstruse, the unfathomable "entropy." The five hour marathon tests and the discovery that a few more points don't really matter, began to fit into the infinite scheme of things.

The Prototype changed his disposition slightly. He formulated plans for dances on hydroelectric generators and commonly gave way to wild "porch parties" at the slightest provocation. Occasional subversive publications began to appear but were abruptly stopped by a bombing of the suspected presses. The rest of the staff went free and were never rooted out.

A dorm was occupied all by himself. Involved in all school activities; the Student Council, student managerships, basketball, intramurals, Rho Eta, the newly formed Fournier Rite and the Fournier Digest, the Prototype began to undertake the acquisition of the maturity necessary in an upper classman.

His members, still seventeen strong, turned in another direction long overlooked for their dismemberment. Marriage became a serious threat as undiscovered facts came to light. Weekends for the Prototype had not been inactive. On the contrary, their results showed a number of semi-permanent attachments. The unattached few rallied for support in the establishment of a "Bachelor's Club," headed by president Wong.

Greater and greater the bond of friendship between the Prototype and the class ahead of him became, as the famous "Machinery Courses" drew them into endless ground for common talk and resounding good cheer. In good spirit, the Prototype and the Seniors evaluated their past; they backed off from the trees to see where they're headed. Together they studied the profound machinery process of dip and bake.



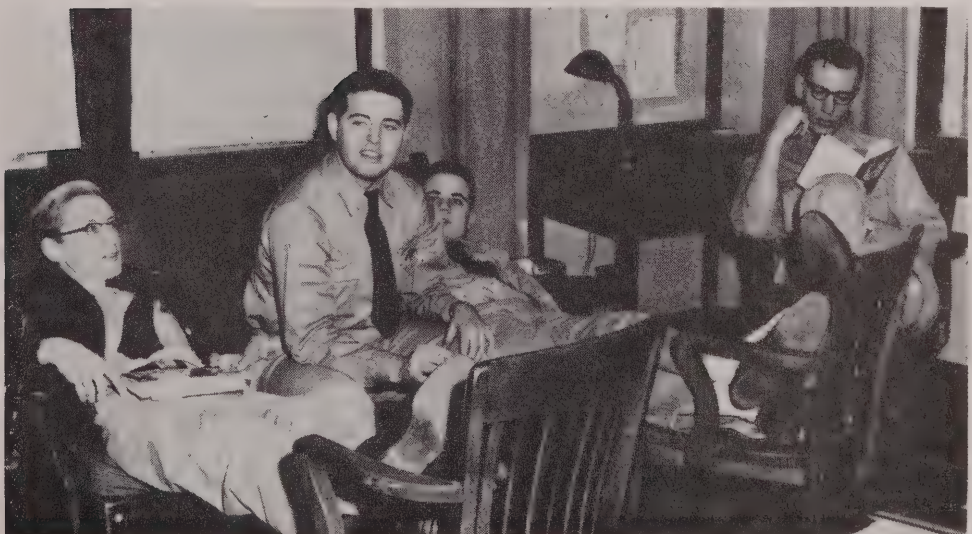




Seemingly climactic, the Junior-Senior Banquet and its aftermath of singing, light hearted frivolity, dorm dancing and bunny hopping terminated that year in a perpetual remembrance.

Returning a Senior, the Prototype bemoaned his fate, for now he was as he was and must forever be, a Class of 15 members. Two had been diversely consigned, one to the Army, the other to marriage. One last push would see him thru the last two years, Advanced Math and Radio Engineering. He reveled in Economics and Logic. A new found friend among the faculty resulted in the dramatization of "This Is Your Life, Father Mac," in the Variety Show.

Studying had become systematic and regular and anticipation of the fifth year and graduation grew. He began to wonder if he really was a Prototype. "Fournier will cease operations as an undergraduate school." This was the final blow. The Prototype unexpectedly found himself faced with graduation in a short while. This meant jobs to get or graduate schools to pick out, rings, invitations, Senior Prom plans and staying up all night with the VECTOR. Bright spots came in the form of an Argonne tour and visit to the Board of Trade and Stock Exchange.





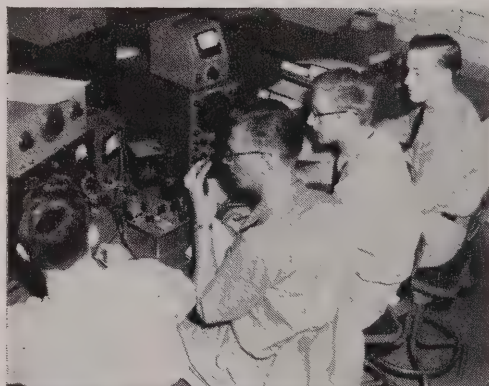


Spring brought "fooce fields," "Poison's" equation, anticipation, realization and finally graduation. With this the Prototype climbs the stairs, receives the long dreamed about degree, turns, and faces a new world in which he will prove that the experiment was not in vain.

### EPILOGUE

Having struggled through these pages, dear reader, you are aware of the carefree, sometimes reckless attitude with which the last graduates of Fournier Institute of Technology undertook and successfully completed a college education. To stress the unity and close association of the class during these years, we have presented our history as the meandering of a single being, a Prototype, representing our class. A prototype we called ourselves because we claim the distinction of having lived through more experimentation than any other class in Fournier's history.

Humorous, ironic, sometimes sarcastic, our history reads, but this trend represents only the lighter, the most easily recalled portion of our four years. Just as varied as the personalities and the infinite variations in character of our class is the good that each obtained from his stay. In addition to a very excellent technical education obtained by proper guidance and endless nights of study, we obtained what only a close association with a group of widely talented individuals could afford. We arrived at maturity in an academic atmosphere which taught leadership, consideration for others rights, personality development, and how to get along with other people. That the conditions at Fournier have always favored the development of the man rather than just the skill, is undeniable. This class, the Prototype, considers itself privileged and most fortunate to have been a part of Fournier for four unforgettable years.

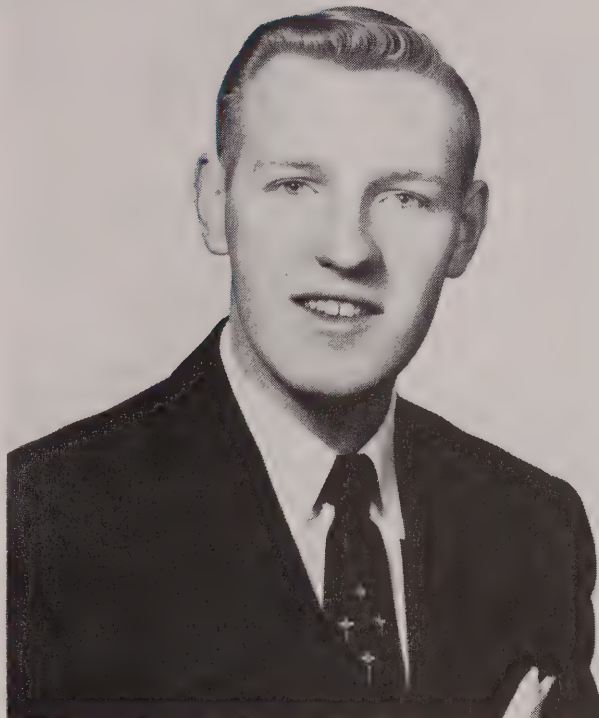




## Fred Arndt

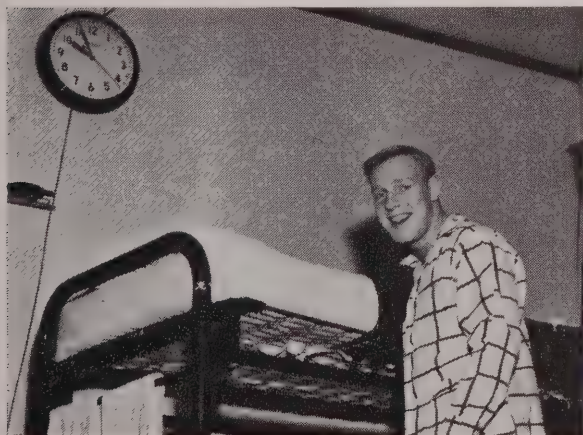
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There's no trouble  
in 107 - Good luck  
Fred!*

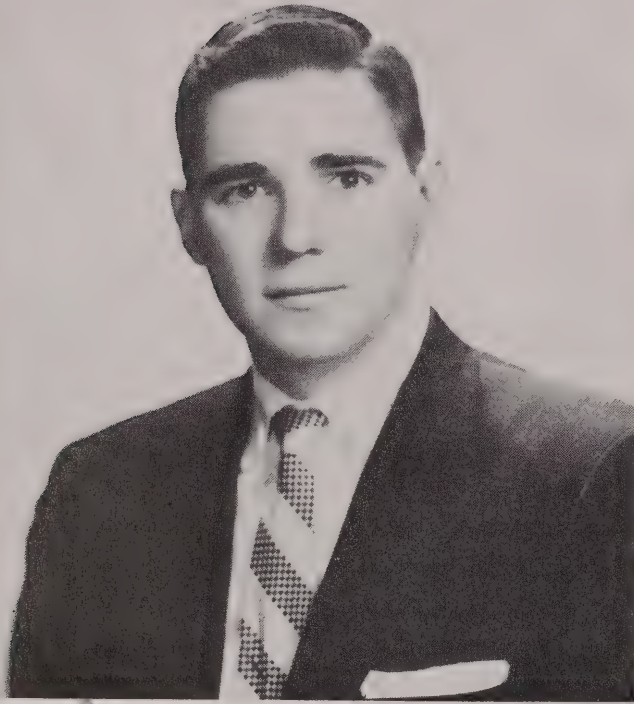
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Student Court Chairman .....	3
Class President .....	3
Speech Contest Finalist .....	3
Student Manager .....	1,2,3,4
Rho Eta .....	2
Intramural Football .....	1,2,3,4
Intramural Basketball .....	2,3,4
Intramural Softball .....	1,2,3,4



Fred was the oldest man in the class and as such, possessed great amounts of maturity. When dates were needed he could get them. "Derf" had the knack of voicing his opinions to instructors at very inopportune times. However his opinions merited enough attention to enable him to capably fill the position of Senior Class representative.

D.F. Rating—Fair





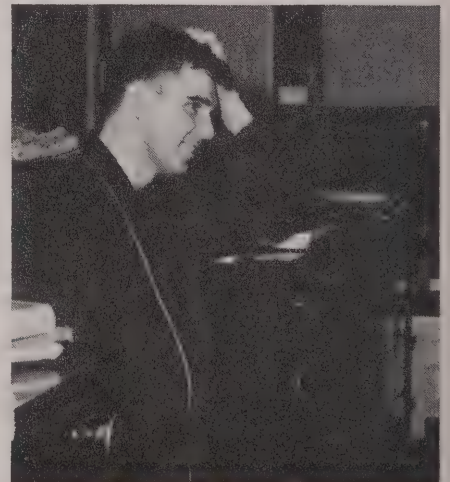
## Richard Aschenbrenner

Class Vice-President .....	4
Student Manager .....	2,3,4
Varsity Manager .....	3
Rho Eta .....	1,2,3,4
Science Fair Sponsor .....	3
VECTOR Staff .....	4
Campus Forensics .....	1
Intramural Football .....	1,2,3,4
Intramural Basketball .....	1,2,3,4
Intramural Softball .....	2,3,4

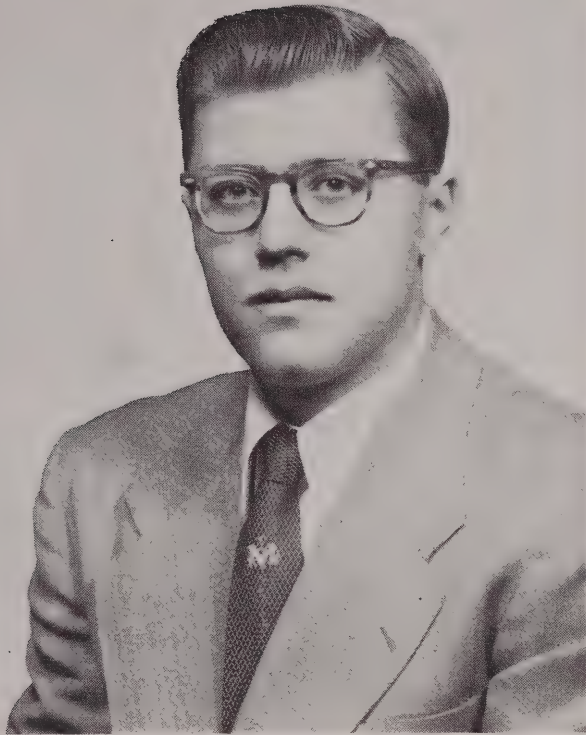
*Ed:  
Best of luck  
to a great guy!  
Dick Aschenbrenner*

Dick had one of the best running cars in the class and was often called upon to chauffeur to drive-ins, pizza parlors and mud-holes in and around Champaign. He was the first member of the class managerie, and the friendliest. "Bear" could sometimes be induced to growl. His electronically controlled dirigible may one day be as famous as Zeppelin's.

D.F. Rating—Very Good







To STINKY Eo  
from  
the



## Stanley Hanson

Student Manager .....	2,3,4
Pax Romana .....	1
North American Commission Treasurer....	2
VECTOR Staff .....	3,4
Rho Eta .....	1,2,3,4
Rho Eta Technical Chairman .....	4
Campus Forensics .....	1,2
Camera Club .....	2
Intramural Basketball .....	3,4

Stan's photographic endeavors will long be remembered by those who finally got 5 x 7's as copies of pictures taken at Fournier Social affairs. Rather than logically debate on illogical hypothesis with him, it was best to use "Dog" psychology. Stan knew how to use every instrument and piece of equipment that was ever encountered which was more than could be said for other members of his lab group.

D.F. Rating—Expert



Best regards to the  
scourge of "Heg-wish".  
You were great 'til you  
took up girl-kissin'.

Ray Kenny

## Raymond Kenny

Student Council President .....	4
Student Council Vice-President .....	3
Social Committee .....	1,2
Class President .....	1,2
National Forensics Staff .....	2,3
Editor of Inter Alia .....	3
Campus Forensics .....	1,2,3,4
Varsity Basketball .....	1,2,3,4
Intramural Football .....	1,2,3,4
Intramural Softball .....	1,2,3,4



Ray was the diplomat of the class and the one most likely to know the current world news. As President of the Student Council he ably helped perpetuate its title of the "Fat Man's Club." Always active and proficient in Forensics, he developed a remarkable technique for delivering half hour "extemporaneous" speeches. "Satch" was the class song leader and it would have been better if some hadn't been sung.

D.F. Rating—Accomplished







Best of luck to my  
former bunkmate. You  
too can become lean.

Terence Leen

## Terence Leen

Disciplinary Committee .....	4
Class President .....	4
Student Manager .....	4
VECTOR Staff .....	4
Fournier Digest Sports Editor .....	3,4
Campus Forensics .....	1,2,3,4
National Forensics .....	2
Varsity Basketball .....	1,2,3,4
Intramural Football .....	1,2,3,4
Intramural Softball .....	1,2,3,4

Terence had complete mastery of the cliché and subtle humor. An "alley ball" basketball player, his training with F.I.T.'s Titans came in handy on Saturday afternoons with the Arado A.C. "Fat" had the distinction of going through Fournier without catching a cold—he had one when he came in. A perennial Forensics member, he maintained prestige as speaker extraordinary.

D.F. Rating—Good





Hail Fellow Sack Rat,  
 As I am aware that  
 you know of the better  
 things of life, all I can say  
 is keep up the good  
 work  
 John McGrail

## John McGrail

Student Manager .....	3,4
Rho Eta .....	2,3,4
VECTOR Associate Editor .....	4
Fournier Digest Circulation Manager....	3,4
Campus Forensics .....	3

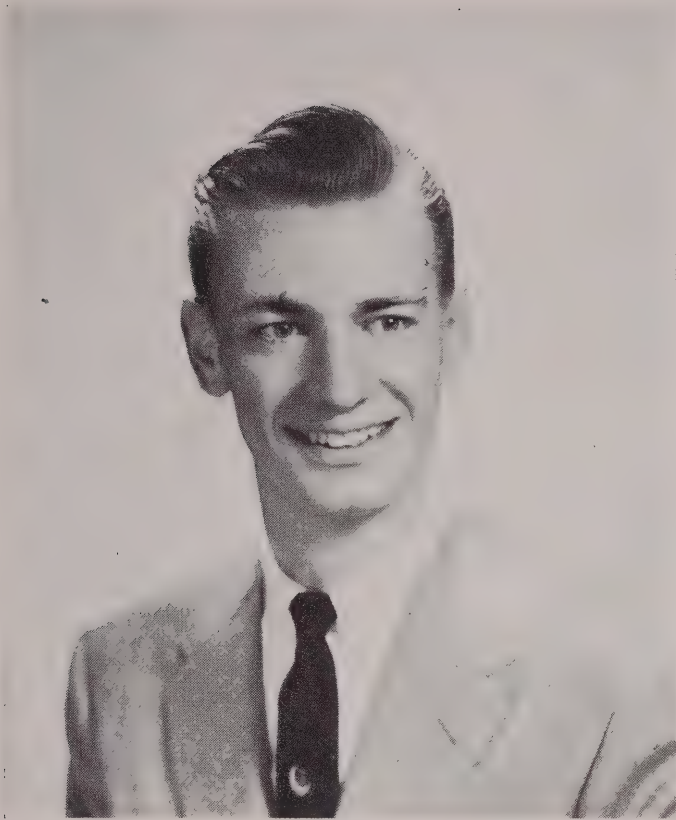
John found the most efficient time to study was from midnight to 3 A.M., and as a result, spent the daylight hours in the sack. His built-in time delay often made him the butt of many jokes. Because of his extensive library he was a very popular member of the class. "Magoon's" ability with cards demanded his presence for all games of Hearts.

D.F. Rating—Illusive





*Good luck, success, with  
a lot of hard work. To  
keep your mind sharp  
keep off the fat.  
"Behave" Jim Mikulski*



## James Mikulski

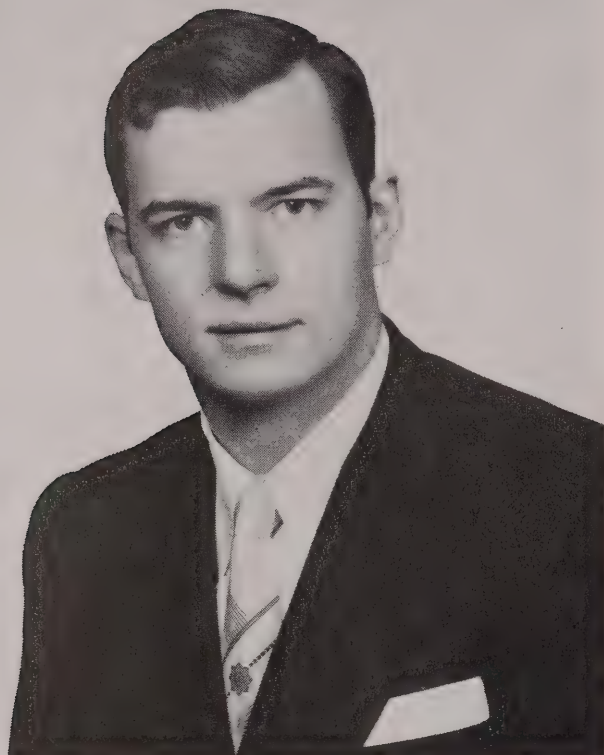
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Activities Committee Chairman .....	3
Student Court Chairman .....	4
Student Manager .....	1,4
Mariology .....	1,2,3,4
Mariology Chairman .....	1,2
VECTOR Staff .....	3,4
Campus Forensics .....	1,2,3,4
Intramural Football .....	4
Intramural Basketball .....	2,3,4

Jim was the scholastic leader in the class. He had a complete monopoly on the number one slot in class standings. "Kosh," author of a new Polish pronunciation system, was the one with whom homework answers were checked. He didn't measure time in minutes or hours but in "days until." His chief pastime was setting up hi-fi systems on Saturday nights. "Caesar" was the advocate of many things and his religious devotion was a true inspiration.

D.F. Rating—Negative



*I'll remember  
Hagwich & you long Ed  
Rog O'Neill*

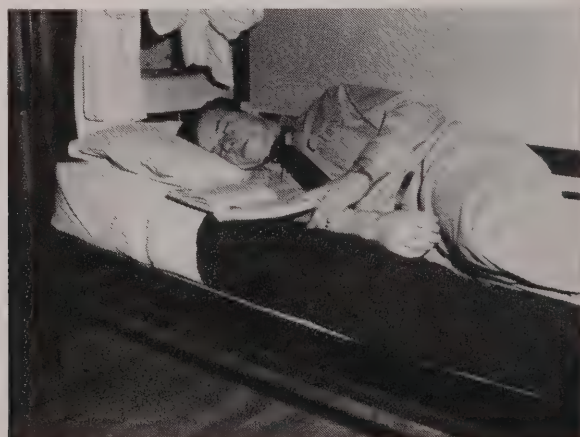


## Roger O'Neill

Student Council Vice-President .....	4
Student Council Representative .....	3
Disciplinary Committee .....	1
Student Court .....	3
Student Manager .....	1,3
Class Vice-President .....	3
Varsity Basketball .....	1,2,3,4
Varsity Basketball Captain .....	4
Intramural Football .....	1,2,3,4
Intramural Softball .....	1,2,3,4

Rog proved that scholastic and athletic endeavors could be mixed. Consistently at the top of the class, he managed to play some grade A basketball for the Titans. He was the first man to choose Fournier over Notre Dame. "Bone" was the only person capable of pacifying the "Dog."

D.F. Rating—Sly





*Tremendous page you have  
here I wish you  
all the success in the  
world*

*Dave & Kisses  
Otto*



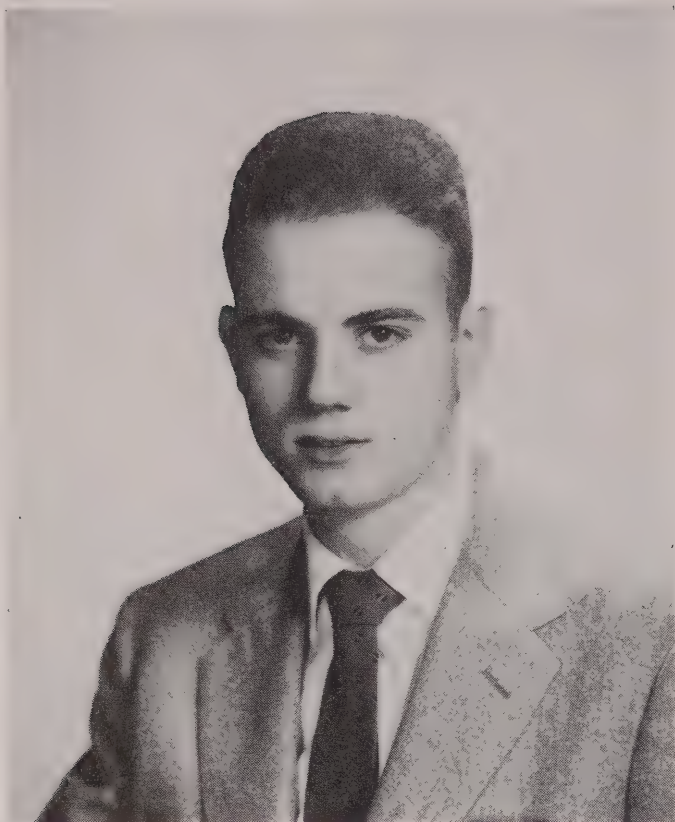
## David Otten

Activities Committee .....	3,4
Student Court .....	3,4
Student Manager .....	2,3
Fournier Digest Editor .....	3,4
VECTOR Staff .....	3,4
Campus Forensics .....	1,2,3
Chairman of Speakers Bureau .....	3
Rho Eta .....	1,2,3
Intramural Football .....	1,2,3,4
Intramural Basketball .....	1,2,3,4

Dave personified the class philosopher, literary critic, and pool expert. His main ambition was to manufacture helicopters in order to prove that one can go bankrupt that way easier than any other. "Otto" was probably most famous for his cycle. He numbered among the few true bachelors who stuck together through the long cold years. As editor of the Fournier Digest he had to learn to spell. He and "Serge" were the poets laureate of the class.

D.F. Rating—Genius





## Thomas Paulson

Disciplinary Committee .....	4
Student Manager .....	1,2,3,4
Fournier Digest .....	2,4
Fournier Rite .....	3,4
VECTOR Staff .....	4
Mariology .....	1
Rho Eta .....	1,2,3,4
Varsity Basketball .....	1,2,3,4
Intramural Football .....	1,2,3,4
Intramural Softball .....	1,2,3,4

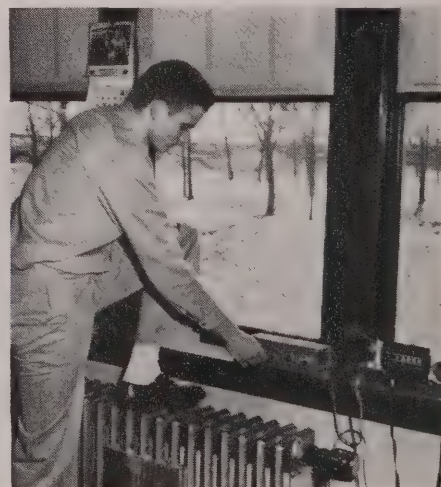
*Keep D.F.ing,  
Smerch, and  
someday you  
may approach  
me as a limit*

Words of less than three syllables were seldom found in anything written by "Serge." His talent was put to use describing everything from cold dorms to cold wars. His basketball prowess was his pride even though each time he played he complained of sore feet. Being somewhat phlegmatic he took all things in stride except slurs at his knowledge of classical music or his hi-fidelity system.

D.F. Rating—Sluggish

*— Good luck always*

*— Serge*







## C. Joseph Rubis

Lab Assistant .....	2,3,4
Rho Eta .....	1,2,3,4
Rho Eta Vice-President.....	4
Fournier Digest .....	3,4
Fournier Rite .....	3

Joe was the sole representative of the thriving metropolis of Lemont. His contribution to the class' reading material was his copy of Rock Collectors News. A man of many talents, he was often called upon to defend the products of his labors, especially his amplifiers. "Rube" had the distinction of being the Senior who travelled furthest for a summer job, all the way to Seattle. Constantly harassed by "Serge" and "Magoon," he soon developed a glib tongue and sense of humor that helped brighten the days.

D.F. Rating—Nil

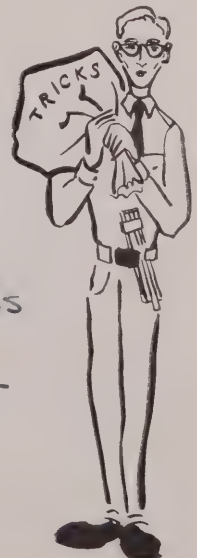


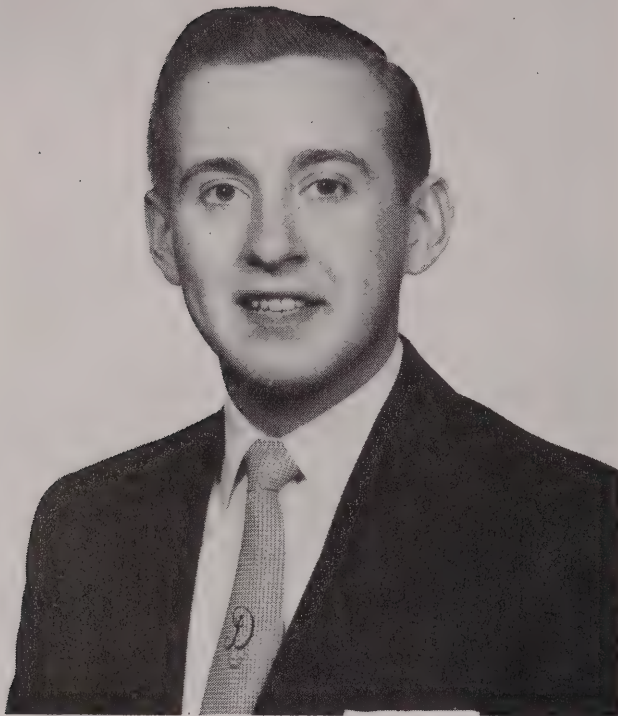
*My last and parting word  
is in the form of an  
equation:*

$$\text{SWACK MASS} = \frac{1}{\text{RUBE MASS}}$$

*where MASS = FATTY BULK*

*C. J. Rubis*





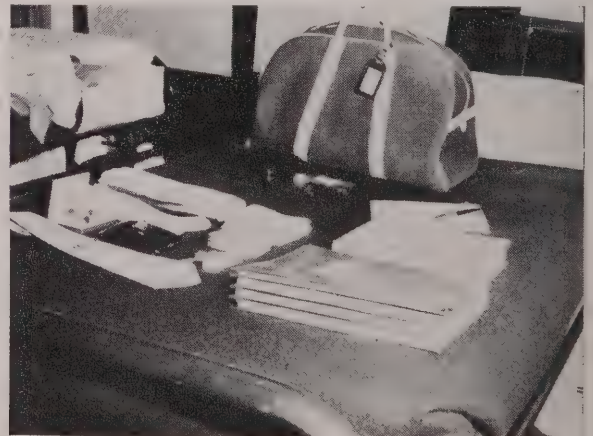
## David Steenhausen

Student Council Financial Advisor .....	4
Activities Committee .....	4
Student Manager .....	1,2,3
Class Secretary-Treasurer .....	1,2,3
Camera Club .....	3,4
Camera Club Director .....	4
VECTOR Staff .....	3,4
Rho Eta .....	3,4
Mariology .....	1
Intramural Basketball .....	4

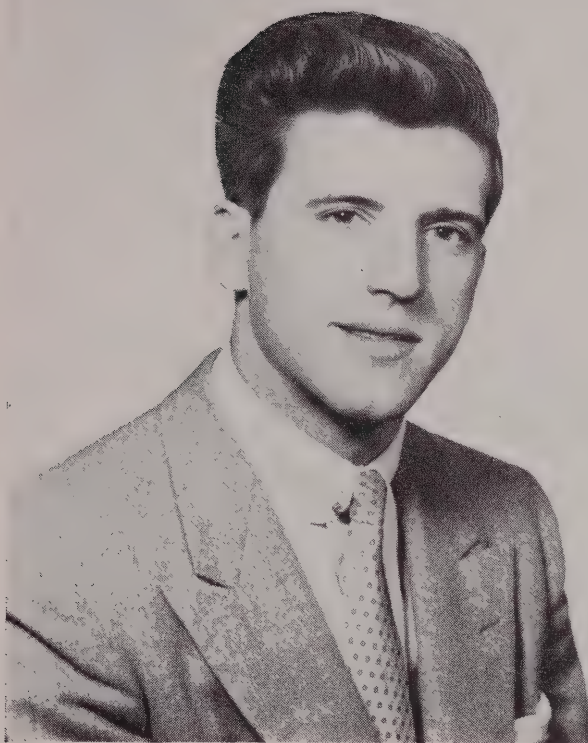
*Good luck at the  
mixers with all those  
girls from St. Mary's.  
Dave Steenhausen*

"Steen" was the neatest man in the class and possessor of the most logical mind. He was the proud owner of the only complete set of physics notes and experiments, one thousand pages in all. In the shower he could out sing all, and he was good too. Besides he knew the words to all the popular songs of the last six years as well as the old stand-bys. His marital status could best be described as a vacillating bachelor.

D.F. Rating—Nil







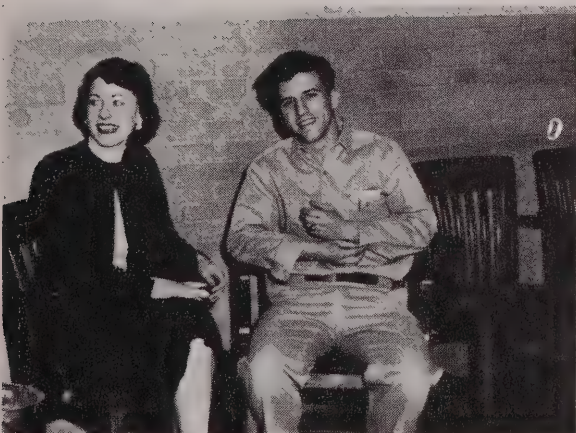
*To the meatball supreme  
who rose to great heights  
in those last weeks  
of the season, only to  
be lamped from the  
starting lineup by his  
obese shape and failure  
to put in those easy  
layups. God Bless you  
always and  
Good Luck*

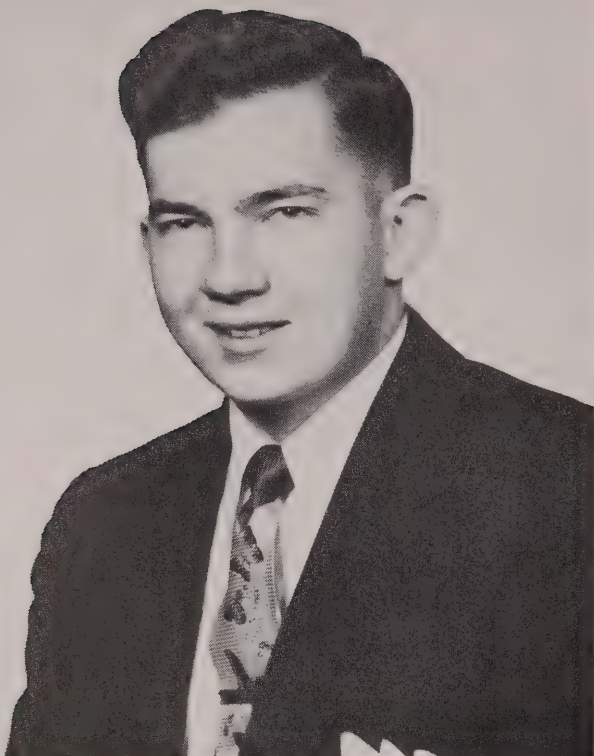
Thomas Witte

Disciplinary Committee	.....4
Activities Committee	.....4
Student Manager	.....2,3,4
Rho Eta	.....1,2,3,4
Rho Eta Vice-President	.....3
Rho Eta President	.....4
Varsity Basketball	.....1,2,3
Varsity Basketball Assistant Coach	.....4
Intramural Football	.....1,2,3,4
Intramural Basketball	.....4
Intramural Softball	.....1,2,3,4

Tom was the class' "lady's man," the scourge of the North Side. His Wednesday night T.V. servicing broadened his education. "Witt" showed how a Titan could go from president of the "meatballs" to assistant coach. As president of Rho Eta he initiated many new programs; among them, Saturday night socials. Very popular with the underclassmen, he helped prove to them that Seniors were human.

D.F. Rating—Poor





## Robert Woelfle

Activities Committee .....	4
Student Manager .....	1,2,3,4
Class Secretary-Treasurer .....	4
Fournier Rite Editor .....	3,4
VECTOR Associate Editor .....	4
Campus Forensics .....	1,2
Rho Eta .....	2,3,4
Intramural Football .....	1,2,3,4
Intramural Basketball .....	2,3,4
Intramural Softball .....	1,2,3,4

*Good Luck  
Wherever you go  
Dute*

"Waffles" had to have a newspaper. Starting with the Guinea Pig and evolving into the Fournier Rite, he proved his ability as editor and goader of lazy columnists. For these efforts he earned the nickname "Gutenberg." He will always be remembered for his sly jokes and sayings or "Gute-backs." The man with the most school and Class spirit, he did an admirable job as Secretary-Treasurer of the Class. Gute was also one of the champion letter getters.

D.F. Rating—Poor







*Good luck to you  
Ed. Book Yost*

## Herman Yost

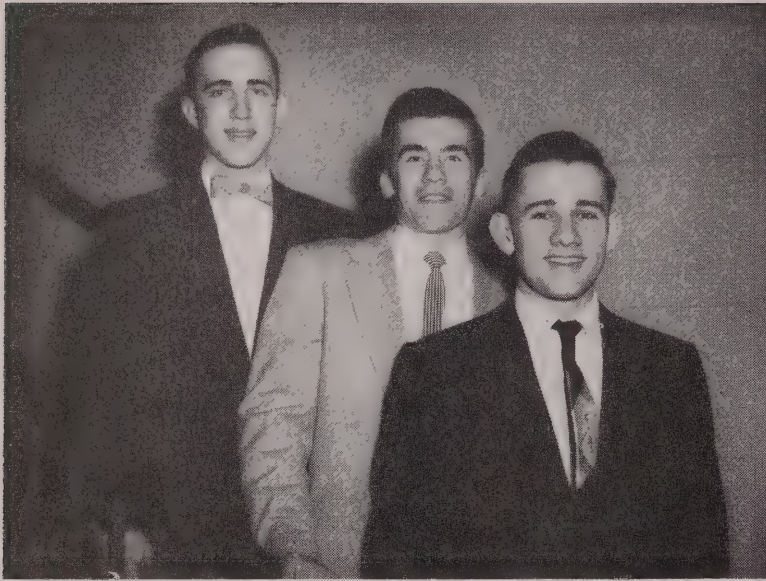
Student Manager .....	1,2,3,4
Rho Eta .....	2,3,4
VECTOR Editor-in-Chief .....	4
Intramural Football .....	1,2,3,4
Intramural Basketball .....	2,3,4
Intramural Softball .....	3,4

The only Southerner in the class, "Spiv" hailed from Springfield where the weather is balmy, the girls prettier and the football teams better than in the "North." Despite his personal Battle of the Bulge "Hook" made an outstanding forward on the intramural team. Hidden behind an easy going manner was a great deal of determination and drive. His ability for planning and work are proven by this year book which he edited.

D.F. Rating—Good







*Left to right; L. Vercellotti—Treasurer,  
W. Millon—President. R. Lenert—Vice  
President.*

## Junior Class

*First row; R. Mines, M. Nauer, L. Vercellotti, E. Bialecke, A. Nelson, V. Corcoran.*

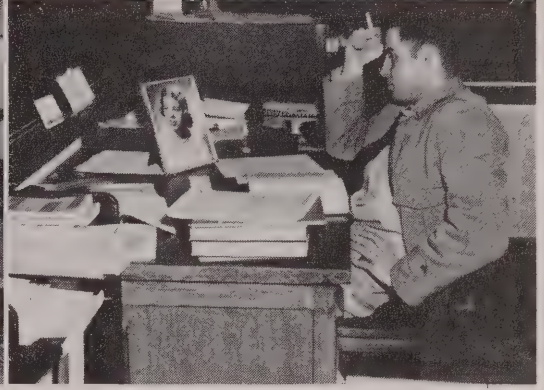
*Second row; E. Smierciak, E. Bayer, F. Mitchell, W. Millon, R. Lenert, A. Hartman, N. Kuhn.*

*Third row; R. DuBois, W. Joy, L. O'Connell, K. Martin, G. Ferre, D. Ruder, R. Toepfer.*





← ED SMITH



A class history could be several volumes in size, and yet it would not begin to contain all the things that a class would like to remember. It is also a very impersonal thing that does not really bring back the things that are most memorable. For these reasons, it might be well to record here some of those favorite incidents that are always followed by a great flux of memories whenever they come into the conversation.

The Class of '57 always had an abundance of sayings, all of them original, and all of them humorous—to the Class at least!

As Freshmen: they were twenty-six then; twenty-six individuals from several different high schools; some of them were quiet, some of them were loud; some of them were practical, some of them were idealistic; they were twenty-six different individuals.

Everyone was happy to have them—it was the first new class in three years—they were able to add a little more spirit to Fournier—they made an impact from the very beginning.

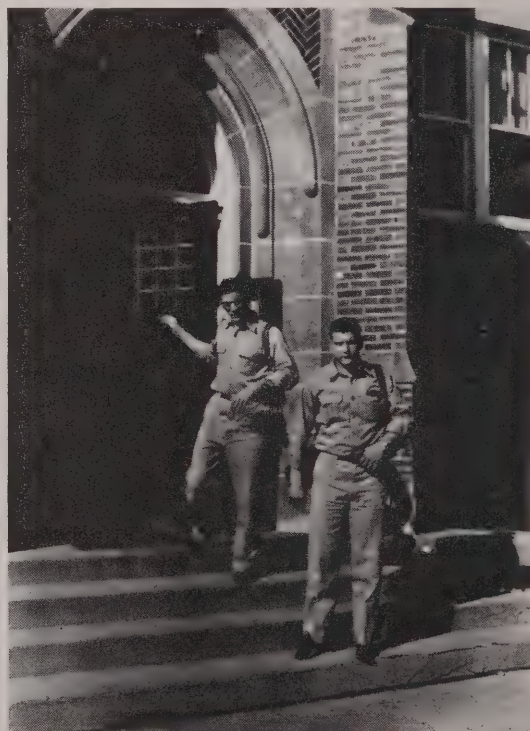
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The beginning was in September of '52, on the 16th, at 10:00 A.M. About noon, T.V. was heard; "Marty Nauer first floor office; Nauer! first floor office, please!" The "Late Mr. Nauer" came at 1:00 P.M. And then they were hazed!

Remember: "Hey Boot!—Wipe that smile off your face!—the inner workings of my chronometer —'Say it Simply'—Poor Louie's dead—a black hairy chest by Monday, Kelly!—Gum Kendall—Baraboo! ahhhhh!—the Black Council"—



← ED Smiley JK

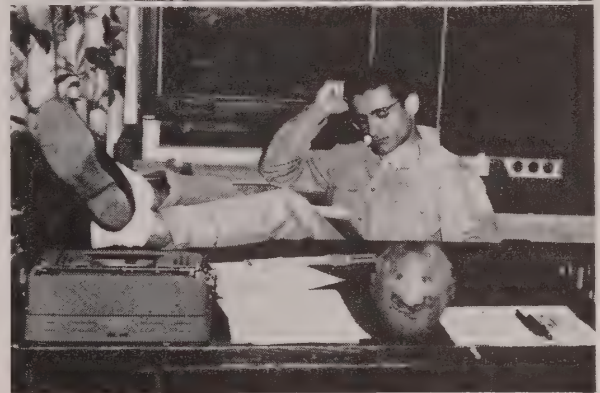


and then—"Hazing is now officially over; reverse hazing begins immediately"—

quoth Ardvaark—"Cheep, cheep, cheep!—I veto Starefake's nomination; he was blacker than black!—actually though!"

the night at the opera—"Bravo! Bravissimo! Cat's what?!—are you the new head man Crowbar—no, this is Myrna—buddy bunkmate—Rillamaru!—Gee! We've got a basketball team!—c'mon B.D.—a team is only as good as its meatballs (so sayeth a meatball) —FLASH!! —Chicago Tribune—the game was saved in the waning seconds by Richard P. Thorn III—Hey! Did I ever tell you guys about the eagle and the mouse?—Oh well! what's one dessicator top, more or less?—tongs down!—acid holes —Night Raid! —Aero-shave—I've got a mouthful, Richard! —Herkimers—bloop, bloop, bloosh!

You got a towel, Willie?—YARTS Elk!—And so the summer came and went—and likewise so did two members of our class. Don Larsen went to find happier grounds. Dick Thorn left to—ummm! Why did Dick leave?"



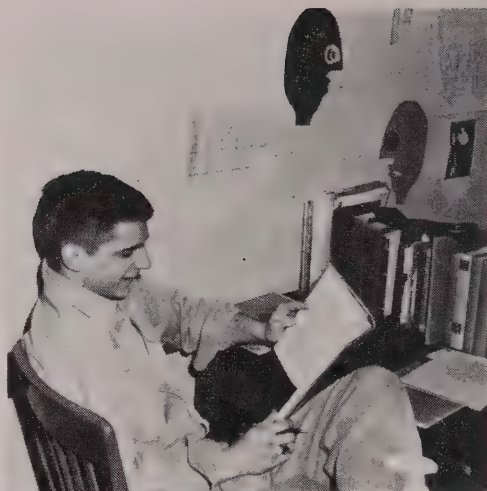
As Sophomores: Then they were twenty-four—ready for a second year—ready for their first exposure to electricity. Soon after, Mack left—“see ya’ in Clearwater, Clint!”—and then they were twenty-three.

Remember: “I’m seven times as tough as Corcoran!—fourteen guys and the Elk—pink belly!—outlaw movies; standing room only—stag party at E. Ben’s—bring your wife over too, Hardnose!—I’m Johnny Whitecoat!—I’m the janitor here—and class—let’s look this little jobbie here—Dan Ross—did you ever do anything wrong, Vince?—any more uncanny remarks?—the frog hunt the night before the Toad Test—Absolutely Wong!—shhhh! Geef’s talking in his sleep—Margie, Margie!—Buba Church Fan Club—how about a lollipop, Wop?—Real Pal Club—Don’t laugh at me! Honest guys! It’s not me, it’s the hill!”

and then, Kevin went. It was “Goodbye Kevmo—Hello Kevmo—Goodbye Kevmo!” and then they were twenty-two.

And so the summer came and went. It was a bad summer for jobs. Many of the fellows had a hard time finding jobs. At the end of the summer, there was a big party at Kelly’s cottage—beer, steak, beer, baked potatoes, and beer—there was a midnight dip—so long Shamus—the Church will salvage something out of this class, anyway—”

As Juniors: Then they were twenty-one—they were all a little more grown up than two years before and some were going pretty “steady” by that time—everyone was just a little more serious—but being a little more serious didn’t prevent them from having a good time. Soon after school started, Karl left for DePaul—and then they were twenty. Remember: “But I liked that dorm!—who wanted to come down here in the first place?—this place just ain’t healthy!—tough luck, Oop!—Who’s







afraid of the Dean of Men. Dean of Men?—what's your hurry, Bill?—just because it's Friday—Mungo won't call Animal Animal if Animal won't call Mungo Mungo—let's take this step-by-step—you're Juniors now, you know?—B-H curve—Mr. Bee-alecky; you are so quiet you know?—the poorly regulated sex-tippler—they call it a suit; the coat matches the pants—Wong gigs!—justice comes; justice goes; whichever you prefer—I haven't got anything to say—who took the phone off the hook?—can I talk to Bill?—Bill who?—Bill!—Bill who?!—Aw c'mon let me talk to Bill!”

And then came the news! Fournier will cease to function as an undergraduate school in June. Suddenly many plans—short-ranged and long-ranged—had to be altered. Minds were changed almost daily. The Class of '57 was very confused—both individually and as a whole.

After their future plans were finally made the twenty-six of the original class found that they were pretty well split up; yet they were all still together in a certain sense. The major, and probably most important part of their education, had been fulfilled at Fournier. Lifelong friendships had been secured.

They are all still individuals; some of them are still quiet, some are still loud, some are practical, some are still idealistic but they all have something in common now. No matter where they may be in five, fifteen, or fifty years; no matter what they may be doing, they will still be members of the Class of '57 and they'll have a part of Fournier in their spirits.





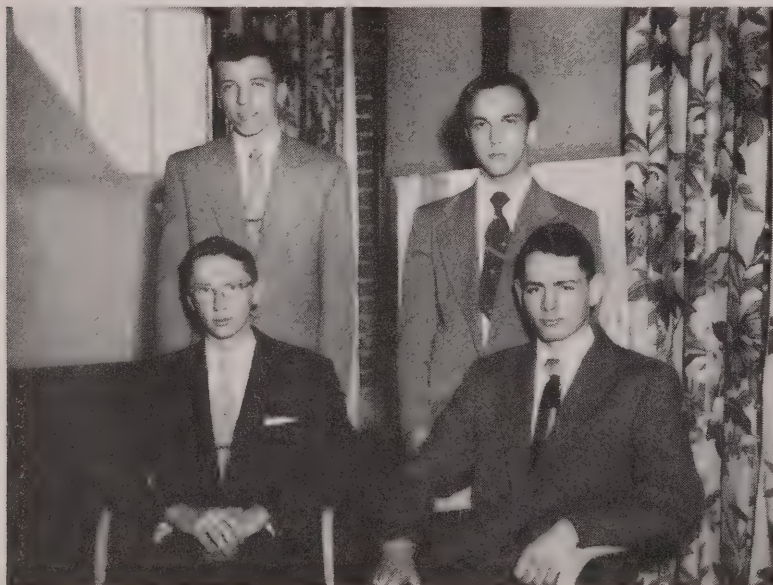


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*Second row;* G. Kleindorfer, E. Stapp, M. Slana, J. Roach, C. Haugh, H. Fuster, R. Fergus.

*Third row;* H. McKee, J. Bagley, R. Andrejasich, J. Mooney, F. Neider, P. Wistort, G. Mahoney, G. Tefft.

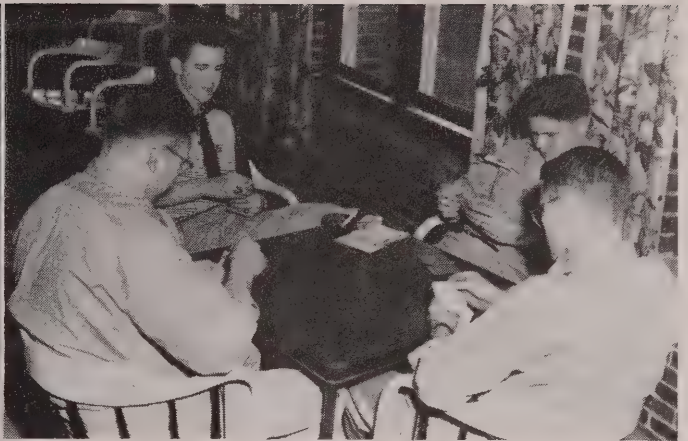
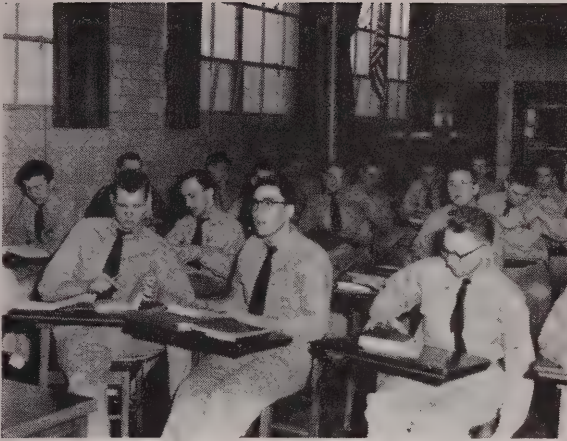
## Sophomore Class



*Seated;* R. Fergus—Vice President, J. Bagley—President.

*Standing;* R. Andrejasich—Treasurer, S. Kasprzyk—Secretary.



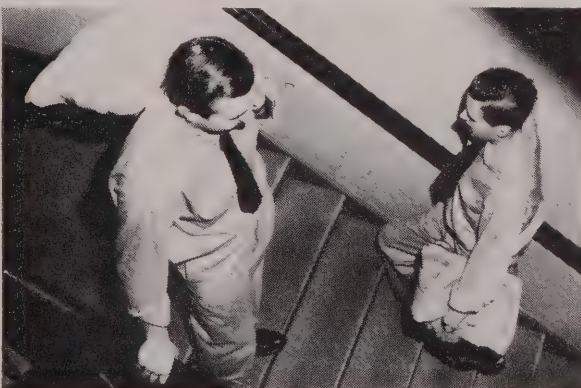


The fall of 1953 saw a group of twenty-eight green outsiders enter Fournier and fall under the thumbs of the sophomores, whose job it was to haze this unusual collection of individuals into a well-oriented part of the Student Body. They found this a rather difficult task, as individualism remained prevalent for quite a while. Several of these freshmen earned names for themselves during hazing.

The Annual Founders Day Dinner gave them an opportunity to show their dramatic talent. They presented a humorous television skit which was later regretted. After a few more weeks of intensified hazing, the tables were turned; but they found it difficult to reverse-haze their new friends.

In the weeks following hazing, Tom Charlton and Larry Tadie became the only members of their class to make the varsity basketball team. In a few weeks, however, Larry left Fournier to enroll in a Mechanical Engineering curriculum.

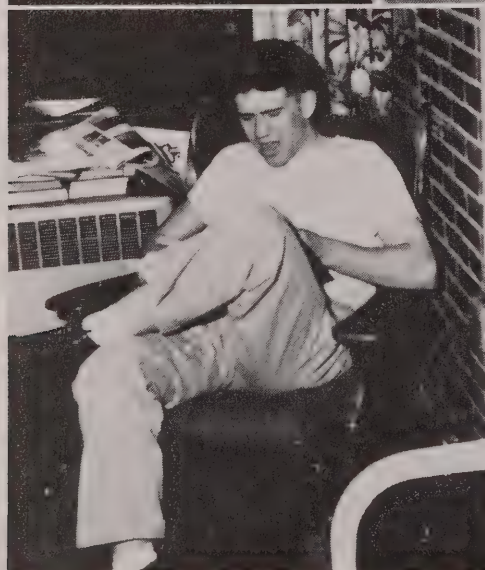
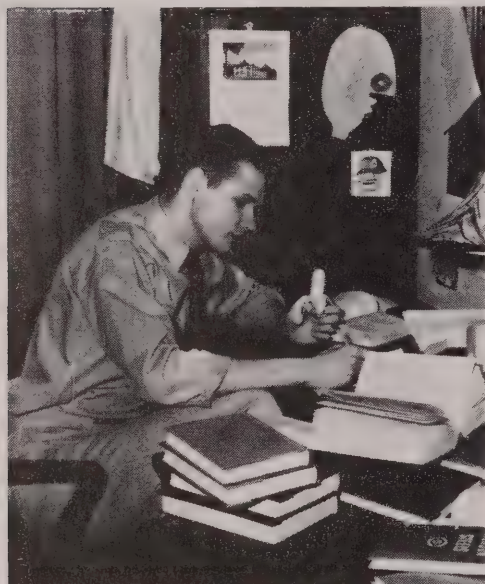
As their class was organized, the Freshmen began undertaking class projects. Their first job was getting a porch, a place they could call their





own. Since no other Freshman class before them had had a den, the only place available was a storage space off the rec room. With a coordinated effort on the part of Class members and financial co-operation from the Administration, the porch was cleaned, decorated and furnished. In these surroundings certain lead-footed class members were given dancing instructions. Music was provided by the class financed phonograph.

The class' first social-gathering—twenty couples pushed their way into the sewerless depths of Evergreen Park to Joe O'Brien's house for their first class party. The night was rather cold, and



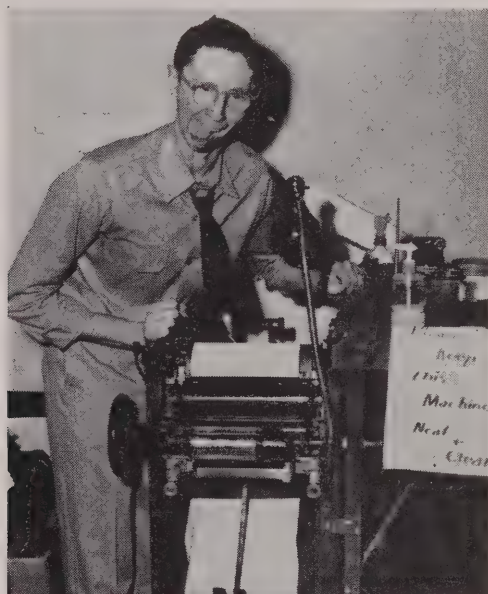




many couples danced around the furnace all evening to keep warm.

A few days before Christmas, in the annual Variety Show, the Freshmen presented "The Minor Miracle," a dramatic sketch starring Joe O'Brien, Pete Wistort, Con Haugh, and Ben Kleindorfer; supporting cast included a leaky life raft and a sheet of galvanized thunder. Their efforts netted first prize and ten dollars for the treasury.

Prelude in E. E. Major (a rather impressive title for an informal dance) was their first dance. It was presented in the Armory under a maze of musical notes.



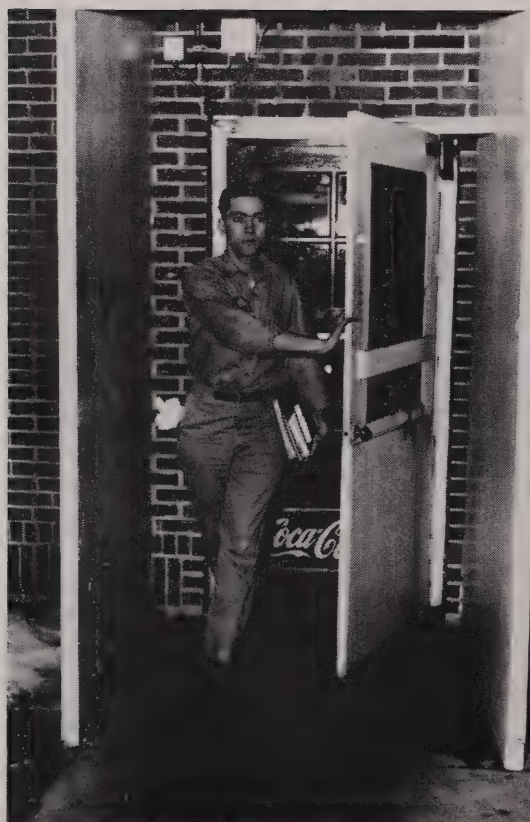


Third quarter issued in the notorious Quantitative Lab. Many were the nights and days they spent putrifying the air on the second floor of the Chem building. They slept, ate, studied, and did everything but die in that lab.

Under the leadership of their social chairman, Ray Fergus, the Class sponsored the Spring Nocturne, the Easter Dance. Highlight of the Dance was the presentation of a huge mobile to Mr. Cohn and Dr. Redman. Pete Wistort, Jim Mooney, and several others made the mobile.

The class had another party, this time at Jim Roach's house. Stan Kasprzyk adopted several crows, much to the consternation of the crows.

Then came final exams and graduation day. The class stayed a day late to clean up after the commencement exercises. Among those exhausted by the labors of cleaning up were Ferd Neider and George Tefft. During the summer a class party was held at Illinois Beach State Park. A water temperature of below 50 degrees didn't prevent certain members of the Class from getting wet.





The Class returned to Fournier in the Fall, now as sophomores. They cleaned up on the first day, and had a class party that night. Next day, these Sophomores warmly welcomed the incoming freshmen and showed them around the school. That evening hazing began in earnest. The Class found that the job wasn't so easy after all. They were spurred on in their efforts by the incendiary habits of certain boots. Some highlights were Tom Sokol's inaugural address, the lectures in the "Sanitary District Auditorium," the pie race, and the climactic brotherhood ceremony. They then got the traditional taste of their own medicine.

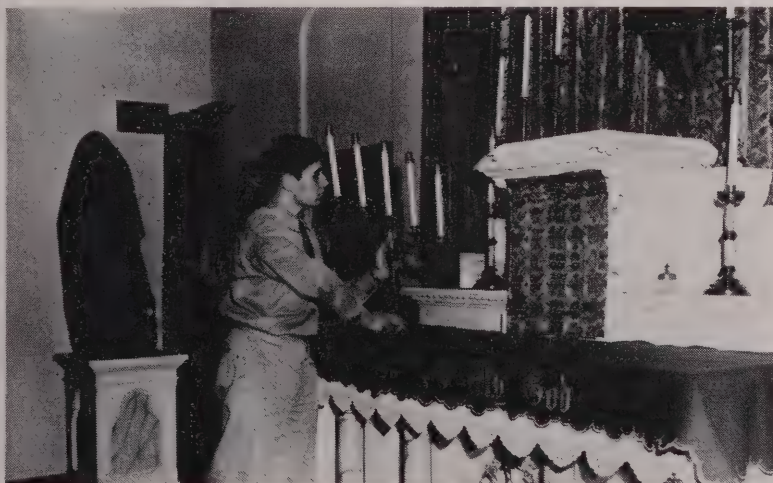
A few weeks later these Sophomores had a porch party in honor of Hector Fuster, who became a citizen.

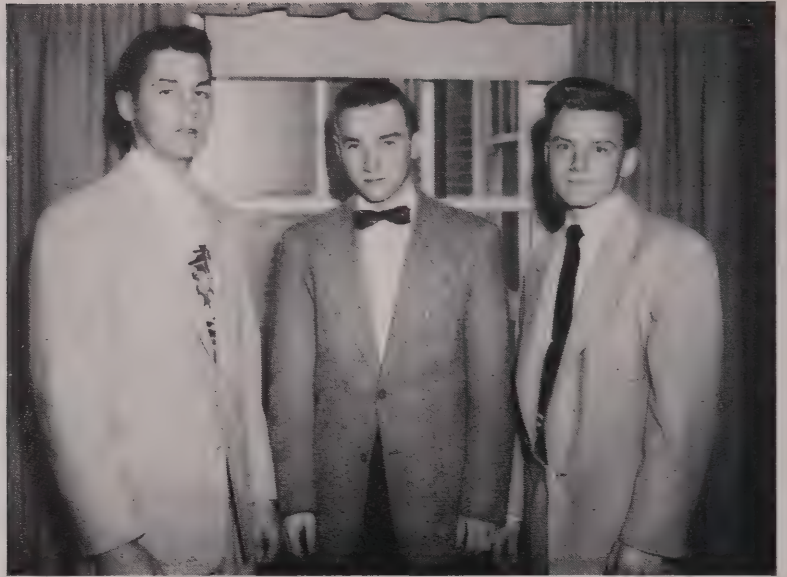
The Class sponsored the Hey Hop, a masquerade dance held in the Armory. Highlight of the dance were the 3-d bids. Joe (Odds and ends) O'Brien won a prize for the best costume, and Pete Wistort's date won recognition for the least costume. Refreshments were served from a portable bar made in the woodshop by Ray Fergus, John Bagley, Tom Charlton, and Jim (It doesn't fit!) Mooney.

Came Christmas again, 1954, and the Variety Show. This time the audience was thrilled and surprised with a dramatic presentation of "Estis Ibi-Eh?," a historical dramatization of the burning of Rome. Don (She's a bag, alright!) Della Santa charmed the audience with his exotic dance rhythms. Pete Lagges and Norm "Lead-head" Fuqua collaborated and almost suffocated everyone with their smoke bomb. In a later act, the Wonderlanders literally murdered the audience with their song and dance routine.

After the show, the class retired to their porch for a Christmas party featuring pizza, exchange of gifts under the tree, and "Silent Night." During the holidays the class sponsored the Christmas dance at the Windermere East Hotel.

The class spent the rest of their limited time at Fournier preparing for their future entrance to Notre Dame. The final quarter schedule was rough but they had new horizons to look forward to. No matter where they go or what they do, the two years that this class spent under Fournier's wing will remain prominent in their list of memories.





*Left to right; C. Dempsey—Vice President, G. Breen—President, R. Gruszynski—Secretary.*

## Freshman Class

*First row; C. Dempsey, W. Wey, M. Fixel, R. Schlicht, F. Kriegler, R. Gruszynski, D. Riley, G. Breen, J. Maher, M. O'Connor, J. Klimek.*

*Second row; R. Remm, R. Borchers, J. Anderson, R. Kuntzendorf, A. Monge, R. Andrew, V. Minnick, W. Schneider, W. Hamilton.*

*Third row; P. Meagher, P. Vurpillat, J. Daughton, T. Galvin, J. Jachman, W. Radke, J. Duffy, R. Serafin.*





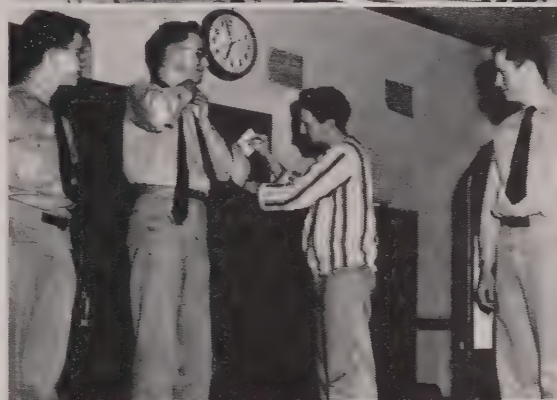
In September of 1954, a new class arrived at Fournier, twenty-eight in number and curious about their new home. A true home it was, for nine solid months.

It was a peaceful sleep they fell into the first night. It lasted but a short time though and then the sleep was terminated and the class went through a two-week period of hazing. They experienced many of the prosaic demands of this sport, such as exercising in irregular positions and sleeping at higher altitudes; also, new things had to be tested; the midnight hunt in the land to the west.

Midway through the period of hazing, the annual Founder's Day Dinner was held. These boots displayed their talents in several diversified acts. General feeling, subsequent to the performance, labelled it as quite commendable.

With the consummation of hazing, the newly initiated class had to look more advertently to their academic life. In chemistry, they received the prerogative of having self-contained lab. That marked the first class to escape the voracious time consumer, quantitative and qualitative analysis. The instructor in that course was Brother LaMarre. Mr. Stanley Cohn gave the class the insight to elementary college math. The Catholic Religion and its applications in every day life were explained by Fr. D. L. McCleary. In English, Father Williams was their instructor, while for Technical Drawing they had William P. McKanna.

Besides having members in all the activities on campus, the class kept the Christopher Club



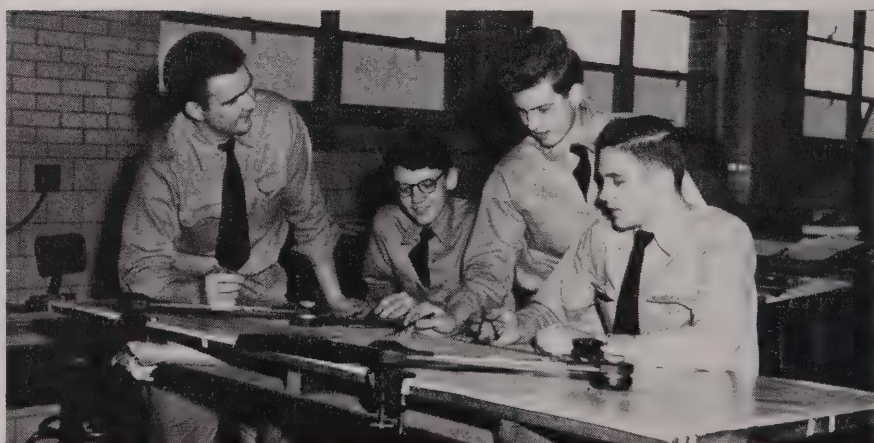
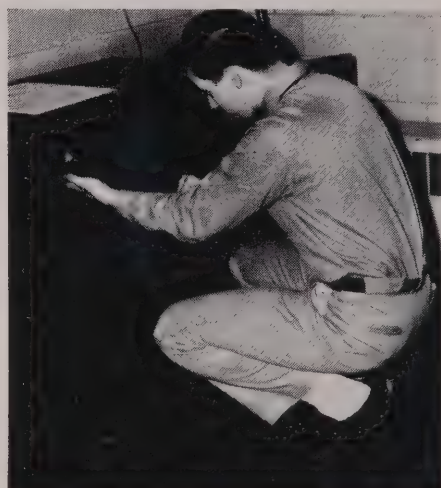


functioning. Its objective was to teach Christian dogma to its members. Under the direction of Father Williams, it added to the school's prolific activity.

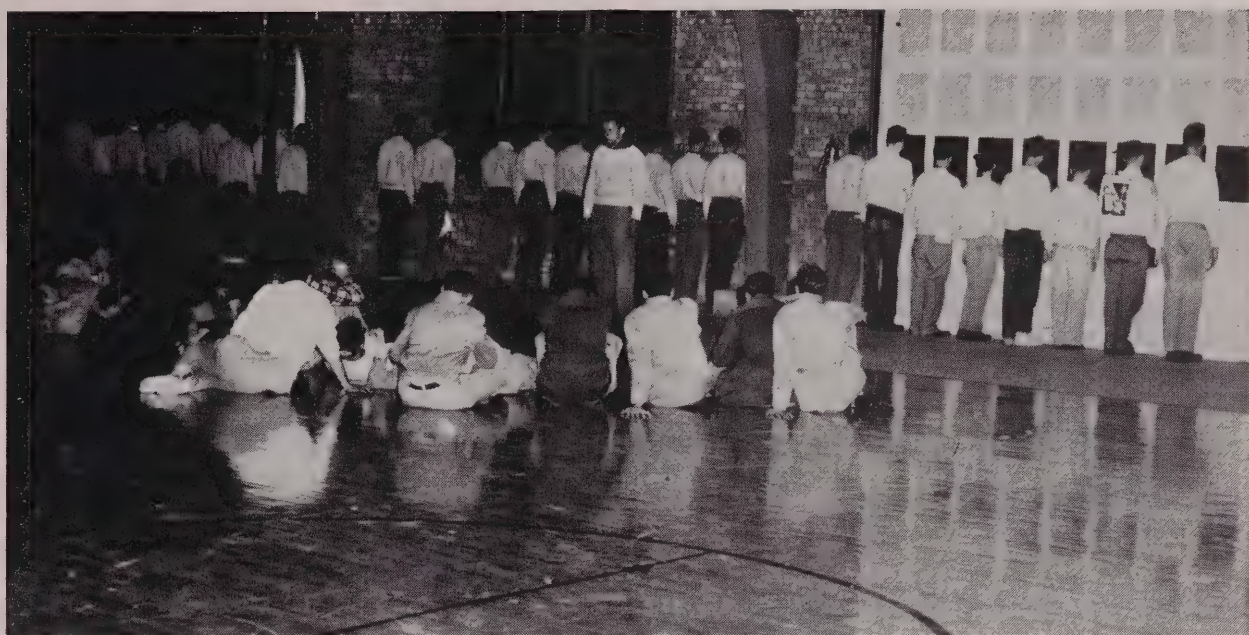
The Class also contained three amateur radio men, George Breen, Wayne Hamilton and Paul Vurpillat. As leaders in the code class of Rho Eta they instructed all applicants interested in this language of the air waves.

In football and basketball intramurals, the Freshman Class exhibited some fine teams. This was especially true for the *A* team which, in basketball, succeeded in defeating the Sophomores. They also played hard fought games against the Juniors and Seniors, coming close to victory in both contests. The Freshman class also landed four berths on the varsity squad, a respectable representation.

The night of February twelfth, they sponsored the Pre-Lenten dance. Entitled "Hearts-A-Flutter," it was presented in the Armory. This was an



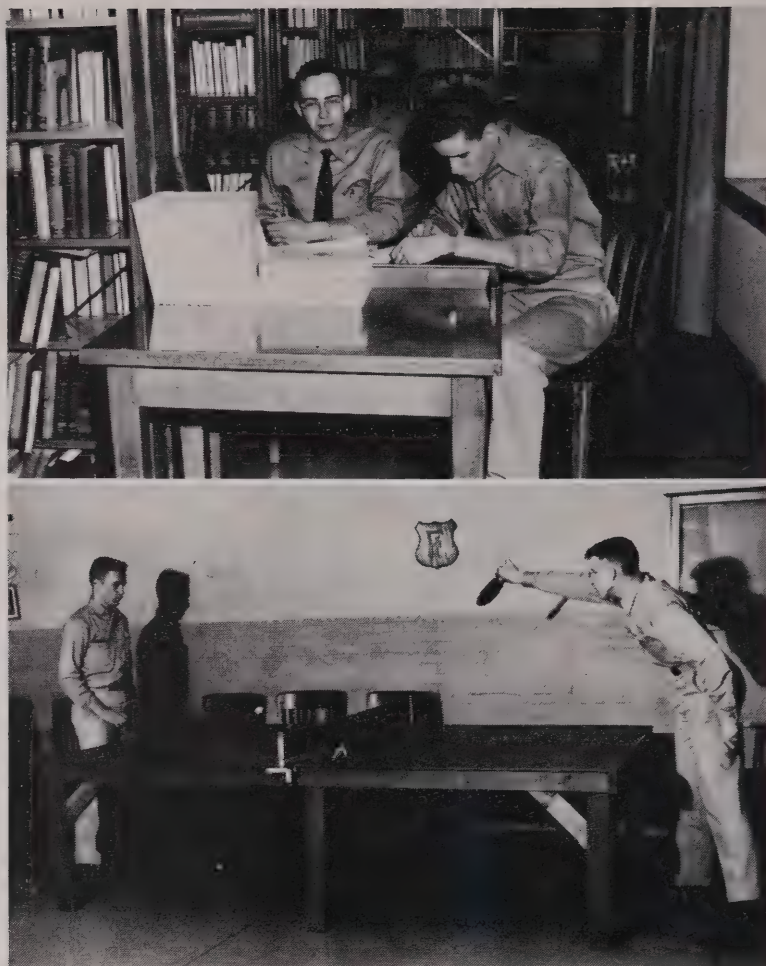




informal affair open to all the students and their dates. They were also the arrangers of the Easter dance.

Their final days at Fournier were spent in the expectation of what was to come. They prepared as best they could for the day when they would become Notre Dame students.

Even though their residence at Fournier was brief, it was long enough for them to taste of its unique life and to contribute much to make each day brighter and more profitable.



### FRESHMAN DAZE

Just what did Fournier Freshmen of 1954-55 do with their abundant spare time? Let's go back and visit the favorite hangouts of this class and see what might be representative of the way certain Freshmen spent their spare time.

The library sheltered such stout individuals as Wayne "Cottonpicker" Hamilton; misogynist Bob Remm; George Breen, the New York hood; and John Jachman, known by such astute names as "Jay cubed" and the "Robot."

The little dorm, otherwise known as the "Leper Colony," contained Bill Schneider, the intellectual athlete, and sack Rodents, Frank "Infinitesimal capacity" Kreigler and Walt "Loquacious Liberace" Wey.

Almost sure to be present in the big dorm at one of the bull sessions were Tim Galvin, of Galvmobile fame; Bart Monge, originator of the Monge "fixes"; Science Fiction addict, Jack Klimek; Bill "Piggy" Radke; or pessimistic Phil "meager" Meagher. Chuch Dempsey, "athlete gone to pot," would be trying to chase them away from his bunk.

A glance around the room would show the reposing figure of Jack Daughton and Paul Vurpillat deep in the recesses of "Happy Hollow."

Certain members of the class were frequent visitors to the near-by office of a faculty member. The representatives were here, pleasantly chatting away: Bob "20-20" Borchers, "Grizzly" Russ Gruszynski, and little Rog Schlicht, the adolescent.

Downstairs, "skillful" pool player Mike Fixel would be trying to prove that one game won out of the five games played was a winning percentage.

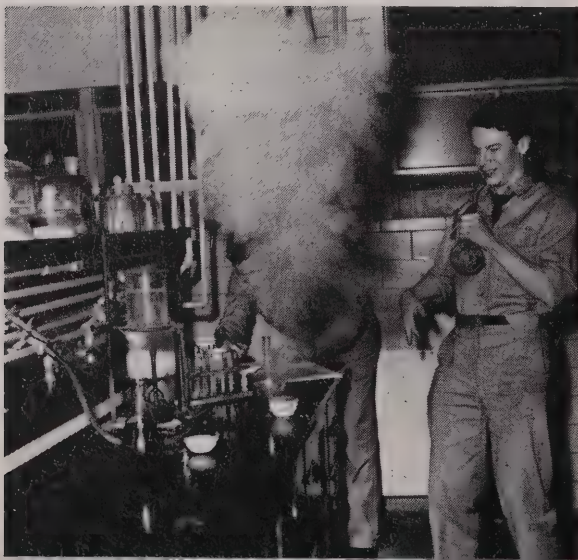
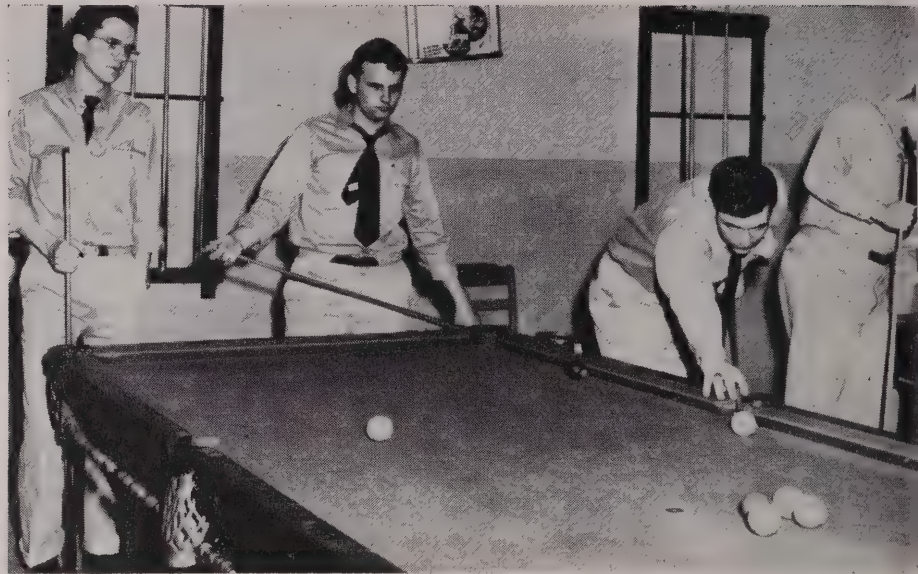


On the Freshmen porch "Greasy" Jim Anderson and John Duffy, co-inventor of Duffium-Borchide, were proceeding to outshine certain upperclassmen. Looking on would be "Hardnose" Jim Maher and "Loverboyink" Mike Riley. Glancing through the refectory window, one could see loose-jointed Mike O'Connor scowling away. In the shop classroom, listening to Spike Jones, would be Virgil Minnick, lover of fine music.

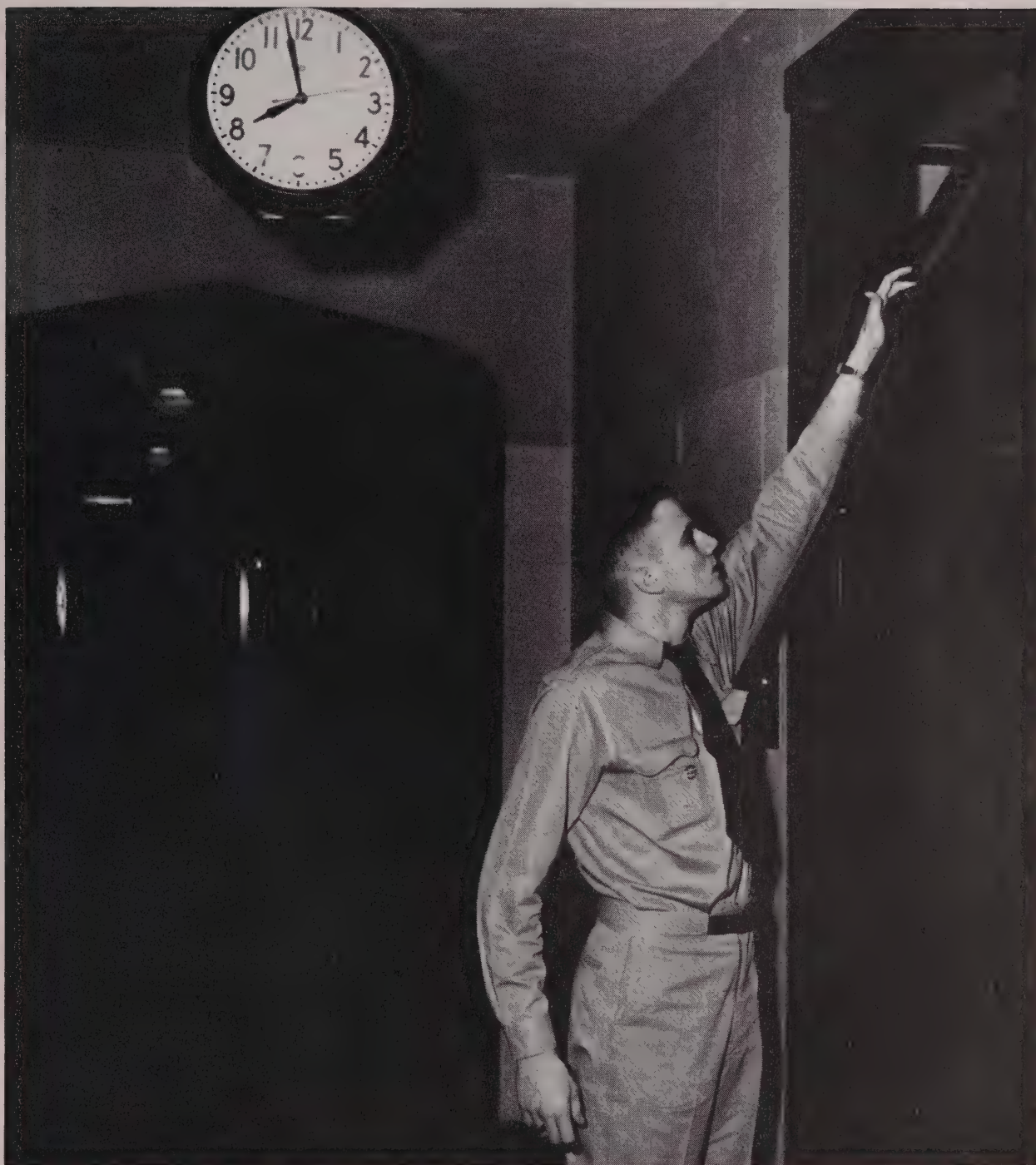
The last stop on the route would be the Chem. Building. Ray "Plato" Kuntzen-dorf and his drinking buddy, Bob Serafin, were in the midst of an argument, while across the hall, supreme critic, Ray Andrew, could be seen analyzing the intricacies of that week's Little Fooler.

No one knows just exactly what the future holds for these individuals but one thing is definite. Each one was an individual and will always be remembered as such.









*The hands of a clock  
Go round the face.  
The hands of S.G.  
Set a student's pace.*

## STUDENT GOVERNMENT



*Left to right: V. Corcoran—Secretary, D. Riley, W. McKanna—Faculty Advisor, R. O'Neill—Vice President, R. Mines, R. Kenny—President, F. Arndt, G. Mahoney, D. Steenhausen—Financial Advisor.*

## Student Council



The Student Council, consisting of the executive officers and a representative from each class, coordinated the various committees and activities of the Student Government into a well organized and positively directed unit. Through its executives, student representatives and advisors, the Student Council received reports on all fields of student activity in order that it might properly supervise and develop them for the well being of the entire Student Body.

The creation of the Student Welfare Committee provided the much needed coordination between the Student Council, Faculty, and Administration. While disciplinary and organizational problems arose regularly, the Student Council met each one with a mature insight that inevitably yielded a reasonable and just solution.

In an attempt to reorganize the Student Council so that the Student Government might more fully partake of its role in the educational community, a committee appointed by the Student Council labored many hours on proposed amendments to the Constitution. Unfortunately, the curtain came down at this time on all types of future planning. The announcement of Fournier's cessation as an undergraduate school instantly dissolved the long range aims of Student Government.



## Discipline Committee

The administration allowed the students of Fournier a great amount of freedom by placing discipline in the hands of the Student Government. Besides being a means to insure the order necessary in a properly functioning community, discipline at Fournier taught the students to accept the authority of a unique disciplinarian, a fellow student; also it afforded those in authority experience in leadership, a step in fulfilling a purpose of Fournier.

The Discipline Committee was composed of the Secretary of the Student Council, and a disciplinarian elected by each class.



*Left to right:* T. Sokol, V. Corcoran—Director, G. Ferre, T. Leen, T. Paulson, J. Maher, H. Fuster.

## Student Managers

Under the Student Manager system the students were given the responsibility of managing certain functions in the operation of the school. This authority came from the Administration through the Student Council Vice-President. The student was expected to see that his particular department functioned smoothly and efficiently. In accepting this position, he was enabled to work not only in some field of his interest but was aided in developing supervisory abilities.

R. O'Neill—Director, F. Arndt, R. Aschenbrenner, E. Bayer, E. Bialecke, R. DuBois, R. Fergus, S. Hanson, A. Hartman, C. Haugh, W. Joy, N. Kuhn, T. Leen, R. Lenert, P. Lagges, K. Martin, J. McGrail, H. Merrill, P. Mercola, J. Mikulski, W. Millon, R. Mines, F. Mitchell, M. Nauer, F. Neider, A. Nelson, L. O'Connell, D. Otten, T. Paulson, C. Rubis, D. Ruder, E. Smierciak, E. Stapp, D. Steenhausen, R. Toepfer, L. Vercellotti, P. Wistort, T. Witte, R. Woelfle, H. Yost.





**SOCIAL COMMITTEE:**

*Seated:* V. Minnick, K. Martin, F. Arndt.

*Standing:* A. Hartman — Chairman, R. Fergus.



**ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE:**

*First row:* R. Woelfle, M. Nauer, V. Corcoran — Chairman, L. Vercellotti.

*Second row:* D. Steenhausen, H. McKee, R. Borchers, D. Otten, T. Witte.

## Social Committee

The Social Committee was a group of five men. Their job was to arrange the social activities and policies for the Student Body and it was made up of an elected representative from each class and a chairman appointed by the Student Council.

Each year, during the summer, the committee met and arranged a program of approximately one social function per month for the ensuing school term. The money for financing these affairs was received as a fee from each student at the beginning of the year.

## Activities Committee

The Activities Committee was a group that served to coordinate all the student functions of a non-social nature. It was composed of the chairmen of the seven campus clubs existing during the school term of 1954-55: Liturgy, Mariology, Camera, Forensics, Christophers, Rho Eta (radio club), and two publications, the Fournierite and Fournier Digest; plus a chairman appointed by the Student Council to coordinate its activities.





*Left to right; W. P. McKanna, V. Corcoran, Rev. D. L. McCleary, R. O'Neill, Rev. F. T. Williams, W. C. Redman, Brother G. M. LaMarre, C. M. Nash, R. Kenny.*

## Student Welfare Board

The Student Welfare Board was originated in September of 1954 as an advisory body. Its aim was to bring closer relations between faculty and students with a better understanding of each others problems. With this in mind the Board's membership was designed to include the Directors of the different departments of education, administration, and Student Government. Although it was short lived because of extrinsic circumstances, it was a step in the right direction and proved that such a project could operate efficiently.



## Student Court

*Left to right: J. Bagley, L. Vercellotti, J. Mikulski, D. Otten, R. DuBois.*

The Student Court came into existence with the adoption of the most recent Student Government Constitution. It was to function as the judiciary branch of the government. The expressed purposes of the Student Court were to "judge all appeals not under the jurisdiction of the discipline committee. . . judge all appeals made on constitutional grounds . . . be the highest court of appeal in matters of routine discipline."

Every member of the Court knew the Constitution and the rules of Fournier well, but cases naturally occurred where a clear interpretation of either was difficult. However, there were good minds on the court, and all were working toward the same end, the dispensing of justice. Consequently, it was difficult to find fault with the judgments that were made.

## Student Government

The Student Government of Fournier evolved from the embryonic stage of a military discipline system to the ideal of representative self-government. Each historical development in the evolution contributed to the ever-expanding sphere of influence which the student exerted upon the educational community. Through the Student Council and its advisory bodies, Student Government was responsible for such diverse activities as student conduct, social life, co-curricular clubs, student publications, intra-mural sports, student manager positions and the work period system. Realizing their own needs and desires most keenly, students developed these areas of responsibility for the ultimate enrichment of their moral, intellectual and spiritual life.







*Studies are not all  
Fournier men glean.  
Outside activities  
Help make him keen.*

## ACTIVITIES



**FOURNIER RITE STAFF:**

*Seated:* S. H. Cohn—Faculty Advisor, R. Woelfle—Editor.

*Standing:* T. Sokol, J. Daughton, J. Mooney, R. Fergus, T. Paulson, M. Slana, E. Bialecke, P. Wistort, D. Riley, J. Mikulski.

## Fournier Rite

The Fournier Rite was a unique activity for it depended upon the cooperation of the entire Student Body for its material. As a weekly newspaper and one of the most active and productive campus functions its main objectives were: 1.) to provide a method for expressing student opinion; 2.) to provide a means for a student to develop journalistic abilities; 3.) to bring items of news and human interest to the student; 4.) to assist in the coordination of student activities.

## Fournier Digest

The oldest campus publication, the Fournier Digest, appeared quarterly consisting of approximately forty pages. The objectives of the Digest had been primarily to provide a suitable outlet for literary and scientific expressions of student thought. A secondary but equally important purpose was that of establishing a historical record of various ordinary and extraordinary occurrences that had taken place before the announcement that Fournier would cease operations as an undergraduate school.



**FOURNIER DIGEST STAFF:**

*Seated:* Rev. F. T. Williams—Faculty Advisor, D. Otten—Editor.

*Standing:* S. Kasprzyk, C. Rubis, P. Wistort, E. Stapp, T. Paulson, C. Haugh, J. Anderson, R. DuBois, T. Leen, J. Mooney, H. Merrill, J. McGrail.





## Rho Eta

In 1919 students here at Fournier realized the need for practical technical experience to integrate their extensive class theory. They felt this might help them acquire a better understanding of communications. This idea provided the impetus needed to found the Rho Eta club, which was to flourish in satisfying the enthusiastic zeal of the students. As the years passed more students realized the advantages offered by Rho Eta causing the membership to increase to approximately two-thirds of the student body. A large quantity of modern equipment became available through the financial assistance of the administration and the work of the members in assembling this equipment including a ham radio station.

The activities of Rho Eta branched somewhat into the social aspect in the last years. Lectures, tours, and theory classes were an important part of the club's activities. Club projects were entered in contests and demonstrations where they drew much interest.

### RHO ETA OFFICERS:

*Seated:* H. Merrill, M. Slana.

*Standing:* A. C. Todd—Faculty Advisor, G. Breen, T. Witte—President, C. Runis—Vice President, J. Bagley—Secretary, S. Hanson.



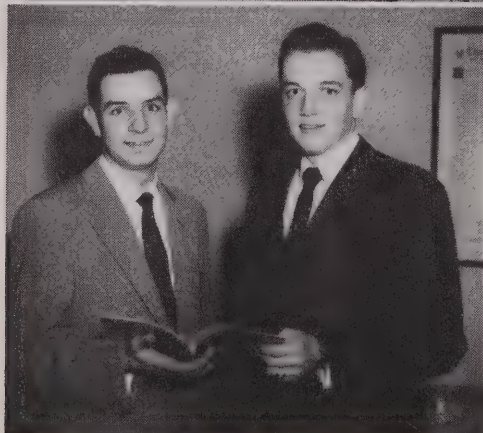


#### REGIONAL FORENSICS:

Rev. F. T. Williams—Advisor, J. Mooney, C. Haugh, G. Kleindorfer,

J. O'Brien—National Chairman.

E. Bayer—Regional President, N. Kuhn—  
Regional Secretary.



#### NATIONAL AND REGIONAL FORENSICS

The N.F.C.C.S. is an organization designed to help the student improve in the light of Catholic doctrines and principles. To attain this goal the Federation operates through campus clubs. At Fournier three clubs, Mariology, Liturgy and Forensics, were serviced by Federation Commissions specializing in their various fields. Marty Nauer and Jerry Mahoney, Senior and Junior N.F.C.C.S. delegates had the job of making sure that these clubs operated as efficiently as possible and that they received as much help from the regional and national commissions as was necessary. They also represented Fournier at the National N.F.C.C.S. Congress.

The 1954-55 school year found Fournier with an above average share of Federation officers on both the regional and national level. Ben Bayer was president of the Chicago Region and represented the region on the National Council. Nick Kuhn held down the job as regional secretary.



**FORENSICS STEERING COMMITTEE:**

*Seated:* J. O'Brien, E. Bayer, C. Haugh, M. Nauer, Rev. F. T. Williams—Advisor, G. Mahoney, G. Kleindorfer, N. Kuhn, J. Mooney, G. Tefft.

*Standing:* E. Bialecke, V. Minnick, J. Klimek, H. Fuster, W. Radke, J. Daughton, R. Schlicht, R. Gruszynski, P. Wistort, R. Andrejasich, P. Lagges, D. Della Santa, R. Borchers.



Both the Regional and National Forensic Commissions were seated at Fournier. Under the able direction of Connor Haugh, the Chicago Regional Forensic Commission became one of the most active commissions in the region. The chairman of the National Forensic Commission during the 1954-55 school year was Joe O'Brien. His unceasing and efficient efforts made the commission strongest in the Federation.

The success of the Federation activity on Fournier's campus can be attributed a great deal to Fr. F. T. Williams, moderator of N.F.C.C.S., and chaplain of the Chicago Region. He was constantly on the job encouraging personnel on the campus, regional, and national levels until they did the job that was expected of them, a job worthy of Fournier.



**NATIONAL FORENSICS:**

*Seated:* Rev. F. T. Williams—Advisor, P. Wistort, J. O'Brien, D. Della Santa, H. Fuster.

*Standing:* R. Gruszynski, P. Lagges, J. Klimek, R. Borchers, W. Radke, R. Schlicht, J. Daughton, R. Fergus.





#### CAMPUS FORENSICS:

*Seated;* R. Kenny, P. Schumacher, J. Anderson, W. Radke, Rev. F. T. Williams—Advisor, H. McKee—Chairman, G. Tefft, M. Slana, E. Stapp, J. Roach.

*Standing;* V. Norum, R. Andrew, T. Leen, P. Meagher, F. Neider, J. Mikulski, C. Haugh, J. Klimek, P. Wistort, M. O'Connor.

## Campus Forensics

Fournier's Campus Forensics Club was founded in the early days of the school and has since maintained a prominent position on campus. The objective of the club was to afford the student the opportunity of speaking and expressing ideas before an audience. The club was separated into three major divisions: the Discussion Group, the Speaker's Bureau and the Debate Club. These groups took part in both intra-school and inter-school projects and helped add prestige to the name of Fournier.

## Mariology

The aims of the Mariology Club were to increase the devotion of its members to the Blessed Virgin Mary and to spread this devotion to the best of their ability. With the theme "to Jesus through Mary" as a guide, the group sought to fulfill these aims. At weekly meetings a Marian topic was introduced and explained by one of its members, and a panel discussion followed. Throughout the school year the Mariology Club members encouraged the saying of the daily Rosary and arranged suitable Marian projects according to the time of year.



#### MARIOLOGY:

*First row;* A. Nelson, R. Schlicht, R. Gruszynski, L. Vercellotti—Chairman, Rev. F. T. Williams—Advisor, E. Bialecke.

*Second row;* F. Mitchell, A. Hartman, J. Mikulski, R. DuBois, J. Daughton, C. Dempsey.





## Liturgy

The Liturgy Activity of Fournier aimed to make the student cognizant of the importance of strengthening devotion to God through a knowledge of the liturgy of the Church. By instruction at weekly meetings, student members received a deeper understanding of the Church Liturgy and were instructed in methods of applying that knowledge to everyday activities. This Club also furnished special services by which the entire Student Body benefited.

*Left to right:* Rev. F. T. Williams—Advisor, E. Bialecke, L. Vercellotti, P. Lagges, V. Corcoran—Chairman, J. Jachman, R. Remm, R. DuBois, M. Nauer.

## Christophers

The Christophers was one of the more exclusive clubs on campus for, although it was open to the entire Student Body, it was composed entirely of Freshmen. The main purpose of the club was to discuss the principles of Christian dogma and their application to everyday living.

Through discussions and special projects the members armed themselves with the knowledge and attitude necessary to cope with the problems of the modern world and to become Christian leaders.



*Left to right:* Rev. F. T. Williams—Advisor, R. Borchers—Chairman, J. Klimek, P. Vurpillat, V. Minnick, D. Riley, W. Radke.



#### VECTOR STAFF:

*Seated:* J. McGrail, H. Yost—Editor, W. C. Redman, Rev. F. T. Williams—Faculty Advisors, T. Leen, T. Paulson, D. Steenhausen, J. Mikulski.

*Standing:* S. Hanson, R. Aschenbrenner, R. Woelfle, E. Stapp, D. Otten, J. Mooney, R. Borchers, R. DuBois, L. Vercellotti, M. Nauer, S. Kasprzyk, G. Breen, P. Lagges.

## Vector Staff

The staff of the 1955 VECTOR, Fournier's annual, labored many long nights compiling the story contained within its covers. It accomplished this under much pressure due to the unanticipated announcement of Fournier's cessation as an undergraduate school. Even under this strain it produced a publication that proves what hard work and interest can do.

## Camera Club

The Camera Club membership for the 1954-55 school term attained a new high, due to the addition of seven new members.

Through the courtesy of the Eastman Kodak Company, movies and slides were extensively utilized as instructional aids at monthly meetings. Student lectures were also presented.

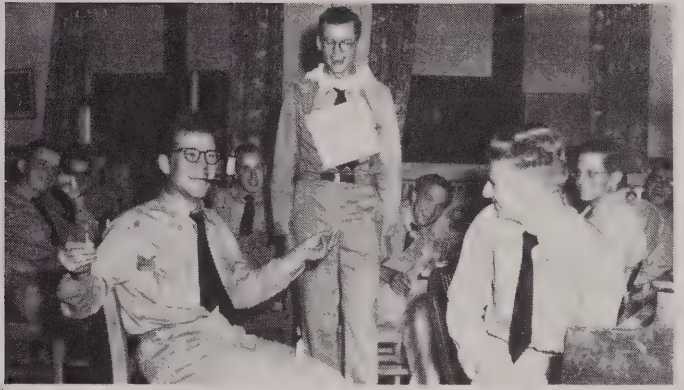
Interest in the Club's activities was indicated by the fine response in the photographic contest which was sponsored by its members.

#### CAMERA CLUB:

*Left to right:* D. Steenhausen—President, H. Fuster, P. Lagges, M. Fixel, S. Kasprzyk, W. Hamilton, J. F. Whalen—Advisor, P. Wistort, J. Jachman, R. Borchers, V. Minnick, W. Radke.











## Among The Masters

On Fournier's campus an active group of individuals regularly gathered to enjoy one of the finer things of life, good music. Although "Among the Masters" was not a formal club it acquired a great deal of popularity. Each week, circumstances permitting, anyone who reveled in classical or semi-classical music was offered the opportunity to take part in the "Masters" program. Alan Nelson acted as record spinner and the melodies were made available through the courtesy of the Administration. This weekly social gathering of music lovers was another facet which enabled Fournier men to increase in culture and appreciation of non-scientific phases of life.



## Guest Lecturers

As a means of supplementing the formal classroom work, the Administration sponsored and supported a monthly lecture program. Topics and speakers were selected to suit the students' interests.

The program was of a non-technical nature. As a consequence, a wide variety of topics were covered: Psychology, History, Philosophy, Religion, and Literature.

The program was influential in creating interest in the various facets of life. Its value was contained in the fact that many of the students at Fournier had little chance to acquire a formal education in these varied fields. The Lecture Program attempted to stimulate interest on the part of the students to do outside reading and discussion.



## Variety Show

The dramatic talents of Fournier students were annually exhibited in the form of the Christmas Variety Show. The 1954 presentation was a compound-complex combination of comedy and tragedy.

The Sophomores staged a satirized version of the burning of Rome utilizing pun and realistic stage effects to keep the audience in an uproar. A dramatic modernistic translation of "The Christmas Carol" was presented by the Juniors. An interpretation of what might happen Christmas night in a typical home represented the Freshman talents. The prize-winning production took the shape of "This Is Your Life, Fr. McCleary," due to the Senior Class efforts.

Between these acts the 'Fershlugginer Five' and the "Wonderlanders" frolicked about the stage delighting the audience.





*A healthy body  
And a sharp mind  
Are developed by  
Sports of every kind.*

**SPORTS**





*Kneeling:* R. Kenny, D. Riley, W. Schneider, J. Duffy, R. O'Neill—Captain, M. O'Connor, R. Lenert, T. Charlton.  
*Standing:* E. Sullivan—Coach, E. Smierciak, G. Ferre, K. Martin, L. O'Connell, T. Leen, T. Paulson, J. Roach—Manager,  
 T. Witte—Assistant Coach.

## Basketball

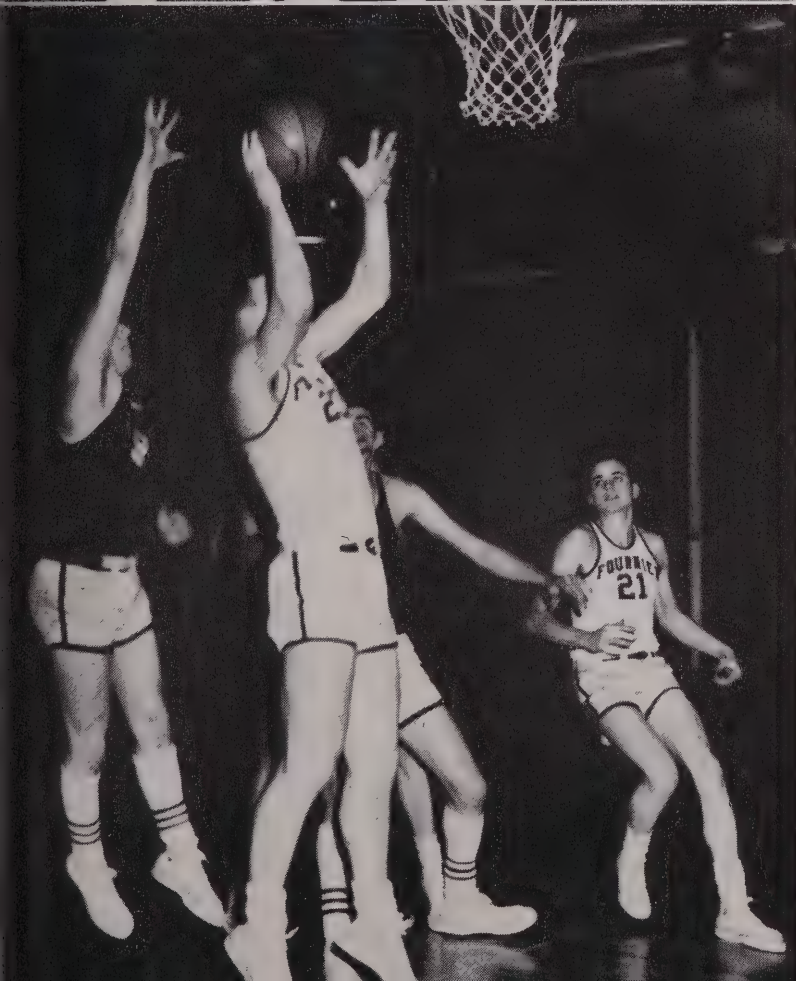
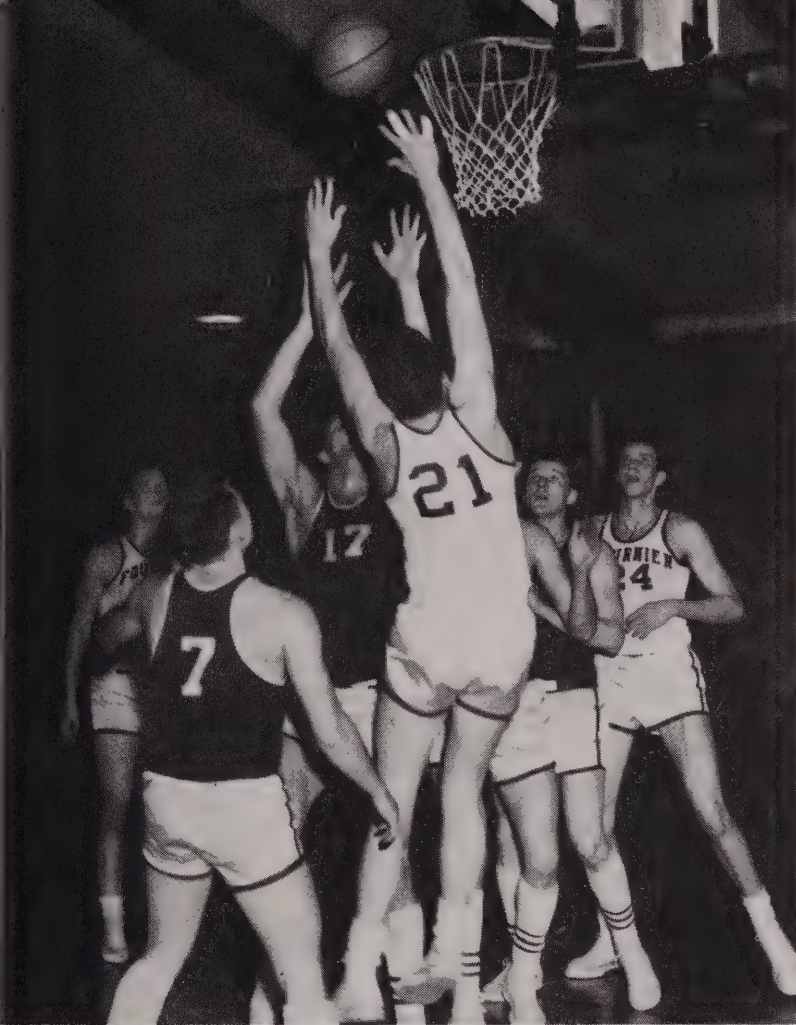
The hardcourt season of 1954-55 saw Fournier bow out of the intercollegiate basketball picture with a record of 13-5 for the season. The Titans outscored their opponents 1519 points to 1283 points. This scoring total included an average of 84.4 points per game and percentages of .382 and .630 from the floor and free throw line respectively.

Many memorable events appear as standouts in looking back on the season. One of these was the night against Aurora when Dick Lenert completed 27 out of 27 free throws. Another exciting night came with the game at Navy Pier during the Christmas Tourney, when, after being far behind, the Titans scored 26 points to the Chicago Illini's 2 in a rally that fell just short but will never be forgot. The closing game of the season contained many highlights that will be long remembered. That night Dick Lenert shattered all of Fournier's scoring records by compiling a 63 point total. A final touch to that night, the season, and Fournier's basketball endeavors came when, in a jump ball situation, Rog O'Neill tipped the ball in from the free throw line for a score.

The teamwork exhibited by the Titans was acclaimed by all who faced them. To complement this, each individual's talent is shown by his record. Dick Lenert led the team with a 538 total of points scored and a 29.9 point per game average. His shooting percentages were phenomenal, .523







## FOURNIER

## OPPONENTS

74	60—St. Procopius
87	65—Aurora
97	112—Lewis
84	74—Eureka
61	67—Pier Illini
86	69—University of Chicago
62	64—Chicago Teachers
87	56—Great Lakes Navy Hosp.
90	49—Roosevelt
83	52—George Williams
75	72—Aurora
70	92—Lewis
111	57—George Williams
85	67—University of Chicago
116	90—Great Lakes Navy Hosp.
69	82—Pier Illini
84	59—St. Procopius
108	96—Eureka
1529	1283 Totals
84.9	71.3 Average per game

for field goals and .805 from the free throw line. Roger O'Neill, team captain, compiled a total of 236 points while the other starting members of the squad, Ken Martin, Ed Ferre, and Bill Schneider, scored 232, 110, and 124 respectively for the season. Time and time again, however, other members of the squad came off the bench to inspiringly assist these five in producing the winning season.

An admirable job of coaching was done by Mr. Gene Sullivan and his assistant, Tom Witte. Mr. Sullivan was not the traditional picture of a coach, ranting and raving, upset by the least mistake. He was a fine Christian gentleman who only asked that his players do their best at all times.

Although Fournier was dedicated to higher education it proved to at least a small portion of the world that athletics and scholarship could be mixed if one has the right ingredients in the right proportions.







#### BASKETBALL CHAMPS:

*Seated;* T. Witte, F. Arndt, R. Woelfle, D. Otten.

*Standing;* T. Leen—Coach, D. Steenhausen, J. Mikulski, R. Aschenbrenner, H. Yost.



#### FOOTBALL CHAMPS:

*Forward;* E. Smierciak, V. Corcoran, M. Nauer, R. Mines, E. Ferre.

*Rear;* W. Millon, R. DuBois, R. Lenert, L. Vercellotti.



#### SOFTBALL CHAMPS:

*Kneeling;* H. Yost, F. Arndt, R. Kenny, R. Aschenbrenner, T. Witte.

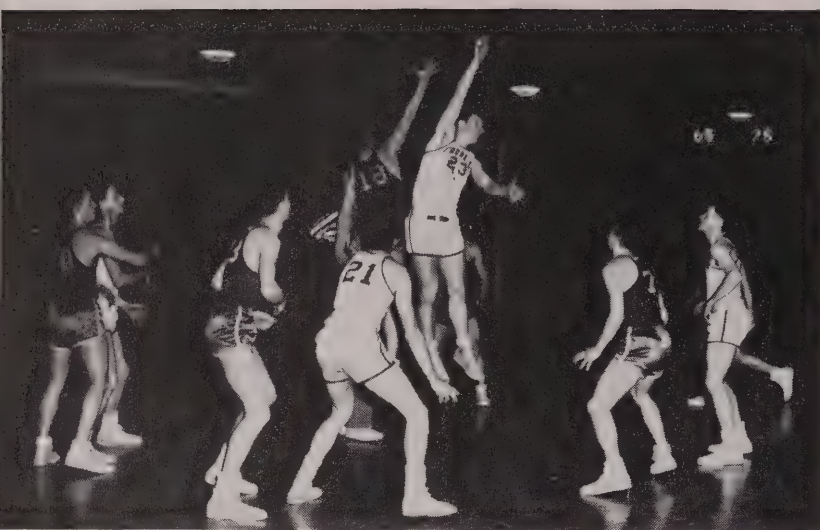
*Standing;* T. Paulson, R. O'Neill, R. Woelfle, J. Mikulski, T. Leen.

## Intramurals

In addition to the intellectual and cultural development of the individual by way of studies, the Fournier Student's physical status was by no means neglected. A well organized athletic program in which every student could participate was an integral part of the life at Fournier.

Since only a small percentage of the Student Body may qualify for intercollegiate athletics, intramural sports served as the chief organ for each student's exhibition of his individual competitive abilities. The program, consisting mainly of football, basketball, and baseball, was met with vigor and enthusiastic spirit.

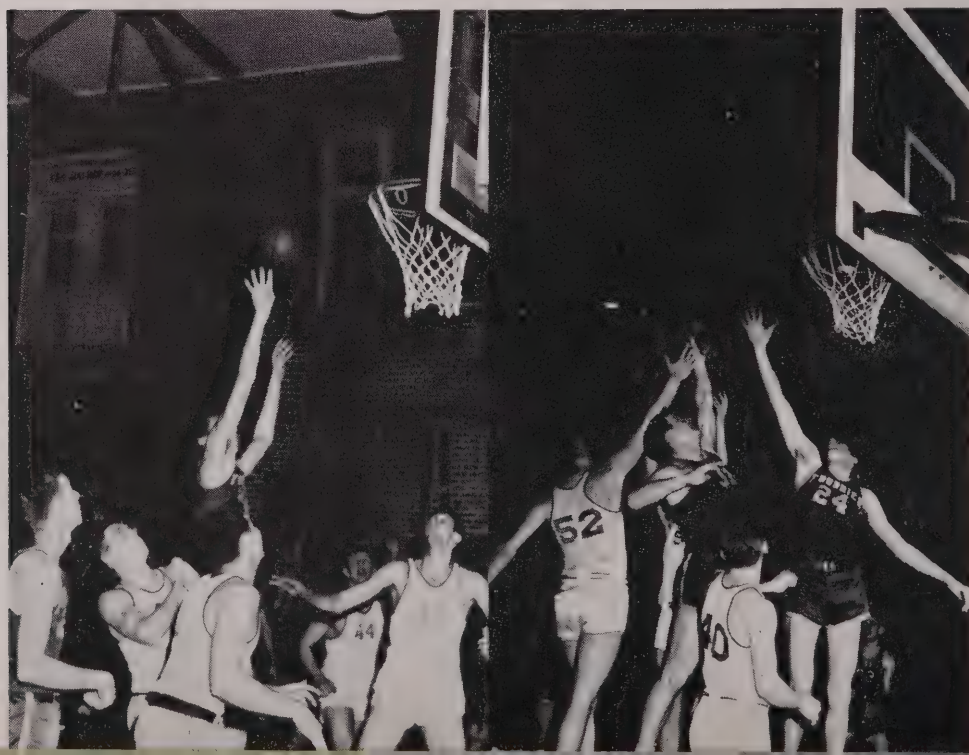
The football season of 1954 saw the downfall of the champs three years running, the Seniors, at the hands of a high-spirited and well-functioning Junior eleven



## And Other Sports

in the championship playoff. Winter brought with it the numerous hardcourt contests, the Seniors emerged victorious in the intramural round-robin. After the varsity season the annual contest between the Intramural All-Stars and the Varsity "B," sponsored by the Fournierite, was staged. Spring of course, witnessed another incomparable softball tournament, renowned for the keen spirit of competition and agility put on display in this sport.

The aforementioned activities were only a few of the many channels the student could employ as an outlet for his energy and ambitions. Tennis and archery found favor with numerous individuals in the warmer days, while others inclined themselves toward golf, volleyball, horseshoe pitching, etc..







*Fournier socials are  
Steps in a plan.  
They help in forming  
A complete man.*

SOCIAL LIFE





The official opening social event for the 1954-55 school term at Fournier took shape in the Annual Homecoming Dance. Win Buettgen and his band provided the entertainment while Southmoor Country Club provided the setting for this gala event. As the school year pushed on and the leaves started to turn brown, a hayride was held at the Lazy O Ranch and when it was over, couples returned to the school refectory to dance the remainder of the night away.

About the time turkeys were getting scared, a new event appeared on the social horizon of Fournier. The Annual Harvest Party was turned into a masquerade with costumes of all types being represented. Couples danced around a pumpkin and haybale setting to the music of Jack Kelly and his orchestra.

A little later in the year the Alumni and the Titans clashed on the hardcourt and after the game there was dancing and refreshments in the refectory. The first snows of the year had fallen when the annual dramatic efforts of Fournier men were







staged in the form of the Variety Show. Then came Christmas vacation, presents, trees, decorations and the Christmas Dance at the Windermere East Hotel. Couples danced under a holiday setting to the melodies of Jack Holbrook and his Stardusters.

A taste of summer came in the midst of the ice and snow in the form of the Splash Party given by the Juniors at the New Lawrence Hotel pool in Chicago. In the month of great men, there were hearts aflutter at the Pre-Lenten Dance with the strains of Bill Hunt and his orchestra. Along with all his eggs, the Easter Bunny brought the Easter Dance held in the decorative surroundings of Fournier's Armory. Then came Spring and the picnic with its fun and games, dancing, bonfire and box lunches.

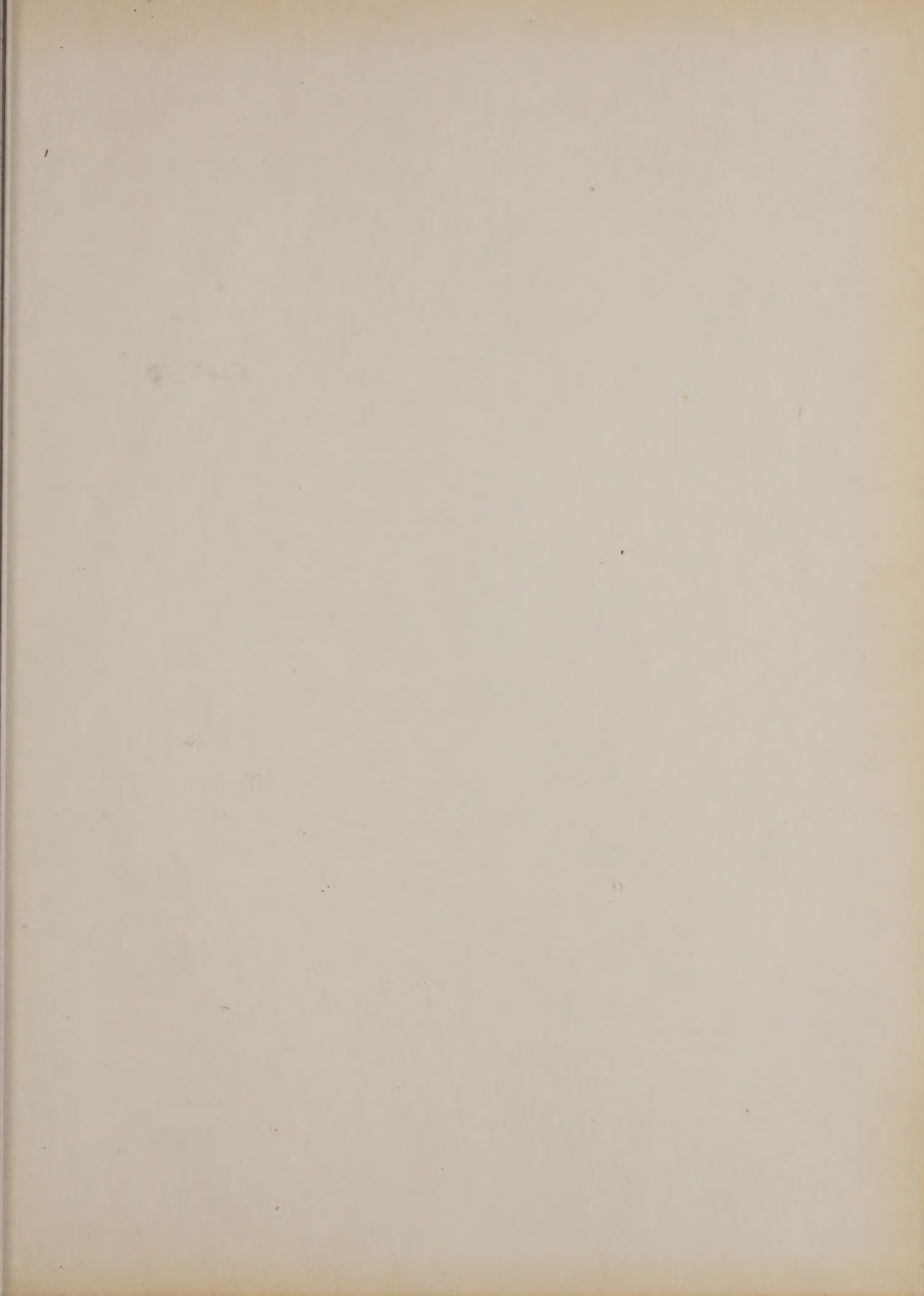
The last of Fournier's Social functions took the shape of the Senior Prom, a big night in everyone's memory. Del Rene's Orchestra furnished the danceable melodies and Acacia Country Club furnished the setting for this nostalgic evening.



*We've come to the end  
And so have you.  
The time has come  
To bid adieu.*

FINIS









(ED SMIERZAK'S BOOK)



